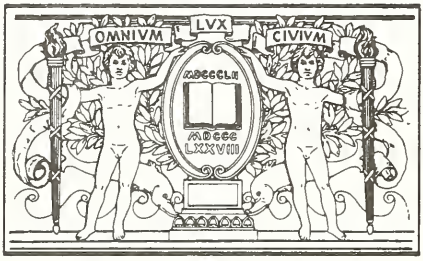

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HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF MAYNARD, MAURER AND RELATED FAMILIES

VOLUME I

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To the past in fond memory of:
JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE, my paternal grandmother,
LYDIA LAVINIA ABELE, my mother-in-law,
and OTTO CARL BENZ, my maternal uncle.

To the future, my descendants,
born and unborn to whom I pass
in added measure the accumulated
love from countless generations
that created me.

PREFACE

Try to imagine what would have happened if somewhere along the lines of our ancestral paths, one of our progenitors had not produced the offspring that established an essential branch in your part of the family tree. Would you exist? Would you be someone else? From what comes your awareness of your own existence? Did you have an ethereal life waiting for a preordained conception to make you, you?

Answers to questions like these have challenged the minds of theologians and scientists since man had the capacity to think in those terms. Only is it obvious that each individual ancestor in our family tree played an indispensible role in the ultimate creation of you. Thus, in this history, we honor each ancestor, whether king or kitchen-maid, with reverence shared in equal measure within each generation. We do not boast of the accomplishments of one and denigrate the life of another. Our ancestors determined WHO we are - WE must determine WHAT we are.

This family history is only a beginning and a puny one at that when we realize that we have identified only about 182 direct ancestors out of the possible 147,573,952,589,676,412,926 quintillion since the time of Christ. So, my dear descendents and countless relatives, it is my hope that this small effort will inspire you to expand the knowledge of our past and record our future as events unfold. The challenge remains to trace some of our family lineages back from our shores to the respective countries of origin. Among them are ABELE, ALBRIGHT, COTTRELL, CREEMER, FRANKLIN, JOHNSON, MAYNARD, MESSERVE, NAGLE, SAVITZ, STAUFFER and WICKHAM. A wealth of history will be opened by the determination of the unknown 13 generation lineage between ELLIS BARRON (76;11-5( )) and MAURICE FITZGERALD (76;25-19( )) in Ireland and its links to NESTA, Princess of South Wales (39,583,745;26-1( )) and ROGER de MONTGOMERY (19,791,873; 27-3( )), the commander of the central division of William, the Conqueror's army, at the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

Among the many individuals from various repositories of genealogical records nation-wide who helped me compile this family history, special thanks are due to Fred Boerner, Fidelity Chapter, No. 49, Royal Arch Masons, Ridgewood, NJ; Dennis F. Lukawski, Bayview-New York Bay Cemetery, Jersey City, NJ; Clarence A. Lambelet, Rector, St. Stevens Episcopal Church, Armonk, NY; Kathleen Jacklin, Archivist, Cornell University Libraries, Ithaca, NY; John M. Kreger, First Presbyterian Church, Woodbridge, NJ; Gladys Neglia, Secretary, Church of the Advent, Westbury, L.I., NY; and Ed Walters, Sexton, Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, GA. To those within our family, I express my gratitude to 2nd cousin Edward Meier; 1st cousin once removed Emmy Agnes Steimle Röll in Oberndorf, West Germany; cousin Lucille Faith Harris; 3rd cousin once removed Francis Cleland Tatem, Jr.; 3rd cousin-in-law Evelyn Berg Tatem; 3rd cousin Maud Tatem Wickey, brother-in-law Joseph Abele Maurer; and especially my wife MARGARET LYDIA MAURER MAYNARD and brother Robert Wynfield Maynard.

WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD (1;1-1(1))
Glen Rock, NJ

THE NUMBER OF ANCESTORS TO THE TIME OF CHRIST

An analysis of the number of generations existing within known time periods of our genealogy indicates that we can define a generation in whole numbers quite accurately as 30 years. The closest year to the present which is divisible by 30 is 1980 which is close enough for this reckoning. Completing the division we can conclude that 66 generations have occurred since Christ was born. Since the number of direct ancestors doubles or increases by the power of 2 to the number of generations back from the person counting his ancestors, WILLIAM, ANDREA and WYNFIELD MAYNARD can estimate that if no marriage of cousins or lesser relatives ever occurred in their lineage, they would have the incredible number during Christ's generation of 2^{66} or 73,786,976,294,838,206,464 quintillion ancestors, and a total of 147,573,952,589,676,412,926 quintillion ancestors. We say this number holds true in terms of people involved in conceptions of our ancestors although many of the same people were involved at different times. The number of different ancestors would be reduced by 2 to the power of generations between 66 and that of the common ancestors of the married couple.

The following table of 2 to the power of 66 illustrates the number of ancestors that would exist for each generation back, on the premise that none of them were even remotely related to each other.

Gen.				
1	B	M	T	2
2	i	i	h	4
3	l	l	o	8
4	l	l	u	16
5	i	i	s	32
6	o	o	a	64
7	n	n	n	128
8			d	256
9				512
10				1,024
11				2,048
12				4,096
13				8,192
14				16,384
15				32,768
16				65,536
17				131,072
18				262,144
19				524,288
20				1,048,576
21				2,097,152
22				4,194,304
23				8,388,608
24				16,777,216
25				33,554,432
26				67,108,864
27				134,217,728
28				268,435,456
29				536,870,912
30				1,073,741,824
31				2,147,483,648
32				4,294,967,296
33				8,589,934,592

Gen.				
34	Q	Q	T	17,179,869,184
35	u	u	r	34,359,738,368
36	i	a	i	68,719,476,736
37	n	d	l	137,438,953,472
38	t	r	l	274,877,906,944
39	i	i	i	549,755,813,888
40	l	l	o	1,099,511,627,776
41	l	l	n	2,199,023,255,552
42	i	i		4,398,046,511,104
43	o	o		8,796,093,022,208
44	n	n		17,592,186,044,416
45				35,184,372,088,832
46				70,368,744,177,664
47				140,737,488,355,328
48				281,474,976,710,656
49				562,949,953,421,312
50				1,125,899,906,842,624
51				2,251,799,813,685,248
52				4,503,599,627,370,496
53				9,007,199,254,740,992
54				18,014,398,509,481,984
55				36,028,797,018,963,968
56				72,057,594,037,927,936
57				144,115,188,075,855,872
58				288,230,376,151,711,744
59				576,460,752,303,423,488
60				1,152,921,504,606,846,976
61				2,305,843,009,213,693,952
62				4,611,686,018,427,387,904
63				9,223,372,036,854,775,808
64				18,446,744,073,709,551,616
65				36,893,488,147,419,103,232
66				73,786,976,294,838,206,464
				147,573,952,589,676,412,926

NUMBERING SYSTEM

The numbering system contains five numbers for each ancestor written in the following order:

A;B - C (D) E

A - The FAMILY NUMBER, a constant for all generations of a family.

B - BASE GENERATION NUMBER, the number of generations back from the three family members to whom this genealogy is referenced: WILLIAM, ANDREA and WYNFIELD MAYNARD whose generation number is zero.

C - FAMILY GENERATION NUMBER, the number of generations back from the first appearance of the family in the genealogy.

(D) - BIRTH SEQUENCE NUMBER, the order number for each child born in a family unit each generation.

E - INDIVIDUAL NUMBER, the number of each ancestor.

The numbering system is developed from the following chart:

Gen. 1 B		2 B		3 B		4 B		5 B	
A	E	A	E	A	E	A	E	A	E
								1 Maynard	31
								17 Franklin	32
								9 xx	33
								18 xx	34
								5 Messerve	35
								19 Creemer	36
								10 Cleland	37
								20 Cottrell	38
						1 Maynard	15	3 Benz	39
						9 Messerve	16	21 Kiefer	40
						5 Messerve	17	11 -	41
						10 Cleland	18	22 Brech	42
				1 Maynard	7	3 Benz	19	6 Steimle	43
				5 Messerve	8	11 -	20	23 Renz	44
		1 Maynard	3	3 Benz	9	6 Steimle	21	12 Sell	45
1 Maynard	1	3 Benz	4	6 Steimle	10	12 Sell	22	24 Gunther	46
2 Maurer	2	2 Maurer	5	2 Maurer	11	2 Maurer	23	2 Maurer	47
		4 Abele	6	7 -	12	13 Storz	24	25 Muller	48
				4 Abele	13	7 -	25	13 Storz	49
				8 Nagle	14	14 Storz	26	26 Rieger	50
						4 Abele	27	7 -	51
						15	28	27	52
						8 Nagle	29	14 Storz	53
						16 Albright	30	28 Hils	54
								4 Abele	55
								29	56
								15	57
								30	58
								8 Nagle	59
								31 Savitz	60
								16 Albright	61
								32 Stauffer	62

XX Discarded Numbers.
Individual Numbers 33 and 34 are for the same people as Numbers 35 and 36 since Numbers 16 and 17 are sister and brother respectively and Numbers 7 and 8 first cousins.

Individual Numbers 12 and 20 are for illegitimate daughters; fathers unknown.

(blank) Not identified..

EXAMPLE: 303;9-1(4) 604 DEBORAH ANDREWS (2)
A B C D E F

A = 303 = The Family Number of the ANDREWS family derived from an extension of the chart on page vi.

B = 9 = 9th generation back from the reference members of this genealogy, WILLIAM M., ANDREA W. and WYNFIELD M. MAYNARD who are generation zero.

C = 1 = 1st generation the family name ANDREWS appears in the genealogy. A "1" always represents the female direct ancestor who, by marriage, ends the appearance of her family name in the direct lineage. A "2" would be her father, "3", her grandfather, etc.

D. = 4 = DEBORAH is the 4th child born to her parents, EPHRAIM ANDREWS and DORCAS SMITH. If the number is omitted, the child sequence number is unknown.

E = 604 = The Individual Number for DEBORAH. Only Direct Ancestors have such a number.

F = (2) = DEBORAH is the 2nd wife of ELIZEUS BARRON.

- = A dash following a name indicates that the person is illegitimate and that the father's name is unknown. Such a person is listed under the mother's name as for 7;3-1( )& 13;5-2( ).

Names of Direct Ancestors of the reference members identified above are always capitalized.

Names of other relatives, in-laws and step-parents are in lowercase letters.

Every Direct Ancestor has a number which includes a hyphen.

EXAMPLE: FRIEDLIN BENZ = 3;5-4(2)

Every indirect relative is referenced to his/her nearest direct ancestor common to the reference members of this genealogy identified above. Thus the relative's number begins with the hyphenated number group but is always followed by one or more generation/child sequence number groups.

EXAMPLE: George Benz = 3;4-3( ),3(4),2(1)

This may be read, "1st child of the 4th child of direct ancestor FRIEDRICH whose number is 3;4-3( )".

In-laws and step-parents have no numbers in family tables. In lists following narrative histories, they have their spouses numbers but prefixed by H or W for husband or wife.

EXAMPLE: Marie Woessner

Marie has no number in the family table on page 212.
In the list following the narrative on page 211, she has the number of Johann Georg Benz, her husband, prefixed with "W".

When a female descendent is not a direct ancestor, the family number is retained even though, by marriage, surnames change.

EXAMPLE: ANDREWS family number is retained for Gannett, Beard, Manning, Wadsworth, Palmer, Dodson etc.

CALCULATION MECHANICS OF NUMBERS - DIRECT ANCESTORS

Family Numbers:

1. Every Mother's family number (maiden name) is twice her daughter's family number (maiden name) when the daughter, by marriage, ends the appearance of the family name in our family tree.

   EXAMPLES:

Daughter	No.	Mother	No.
MARGARET LYDIA MAURER	2	LYDIA LAVINIA ABELE	4
MARGARET ALBRIGHT	16	MARGARET STAUFFER	32
PHEBE JOHNSON	38	DEBORAH BARRON	76
ELIZABETH HUNT	605	ELIZABETH BEST	1210

2. The family number for successive generations back of wives within a common family name is each twice the succeeding wife's family number minus 1.

   EXAMPLES:

   BARRON pedigree;

Wife	No.	Calculation	Generation
ELIZABETH FRAZEE	152		8
DEBORAH ANDREWS	303	2(152)-1	9
ELIZABETH HUNT	605	2(303)-1	10
GRACE ?	1209	2(605)-1	11
? ?	2417	2(1209)-1	12

Individual Numbers:

1. The individual number of a wife is twice that wife's family number minus 2.

2. The individual number of a husband is his wife's individual number minus 1 or twice his wife's family number minus 3.

   EXAMPLES:

		No.	Calculation
Wife:	LYDIA FRANKLIN	32	2(17)-2
Husband:	JEDEDIAH MAYNARD	31	32-1 or 2(17)-3
Wife:	AGATHA STORZ	24	2(13)-2
Husband:	ELIAS MAURER	23	24-1 or 2(13)-3

FAMILY NUMBER RANGES FOR MAYNARD/MAURER LINEAGES BY GENERATION NUMBER

MAYNARD Lineage Family Numbers	Generation Number	MAURER Lineage Family Numbers
1	1	2
3	2	4
5-6	3	7-8
9-12	4	13-16
17-24	5	25-32
33-48	6	49-64
65-96	7	97-128
129-192	8	193-256
257-384	9	385-512
513-768	10	769-1024
1025-1536	11	1537-2048
2049-3072	12	3073-4096
4097-6144	13	6145-8192
8193-12,288	14	12,289-16,384
16,385-24,576	15	24,577-32,768
32,769-49,152	16	49,153-65,536
65,537-98,304	17	98,305-131,072
131,073-196,608	18	196,609-262,144
262,145-393,216	19	393,217-524,288
524,289-786,432	20	786-433-1,048,576
1,048,577-1,572,864	21	1,572,865-2,097,152
2,097,153-3,145,728	22	3,145,729-4,194,304
4,194,305-6,291,456	23	6,291,457-8,388,608
8,388,609-12,582,912	24	12,582,913-16,777,216
16,777,217-25,165,824	25	25,165,825-33,554,432
33,554,433-50,331,648	26	50,331,649-67,108,864
67,108,865-100,663,296	27	100,663,297-134,217,728
134,217,729-201,326,592	28	201,326,593-268,435,456
268,435,456-402,653,184	29	402,653,185-536,870,912
536,870,913-805,306,368	30	805,306,369-1,073,741,824
1,073,741,825-1,610,612,736	31	1,610,612,737-2,147,483,648
2,147,483,649-3,221,225,472	32	3,221,225,473-4,294,967,296
4,294,967,297-6,442,450,944	33	6,442,450,945-8,589,934,592

USE OF TABLE

The use is referenced to WILLIAM, ANDREA and WYNFIELD MAYNARD who are generation zero.

1. Differentiate between paternal and maternal lineages.

   The MAYNARD Family Numbers represent ancestral lineages of WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD, father of the referenced family members.

   The MAURER Family Numbers represent ancestral lineages of MARGARET LYDIA MAURER, mother of the referenced family members.

2. Identify the most recent Generation Number back from the referenced family members that the Family Name appears as a direct ancestor.

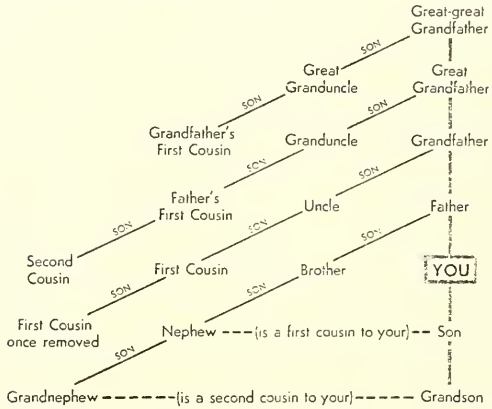
   The Family Number range on or within which the Number falls identifies the Generation Number of the female ancestor, who, by marriage, ends the appearance of the Family Name in the direct ancestral lineage.

WHO'S WHAT TO WHOM?

Few discussions generate so much confusion as those dealing with family relationships. To help clear the air, here's a chart showing how you are related to males on the paternal side of your family tree. You can complete the picture by substituting female equivalents of the terms used here.

Only blood relationships are shown; for relatives by marriage, tack "in-law" on the end.

People on any horizontal line of the chart are approximately the same age unless previous members of the family had children unusually late or early.



Geneologists: People who know which side their breed was butlered on.
—Dana Robbins

I think looking up your family tree and maybe spending as much as $250 to do it is ridiculous. All you have to do is scrape fenders with another car, and it's amazing what you'll be told about your ancestors.

INTRODUCTION TO TEXT

The text is divided into two sections:

1. Direct ancestral pedigrees -- pages 1 through 59
2. Families of ancestors and relatives and individual histories -- pages 60 through 1751

In the direct pedigree section, double lines are above and below the female direct ancestor who, by marriage, ends the appearance of her family name in the direct family tree.

The heading above each direct pedigree comprises the direct family name and family number on a single line. The pages are arranged in ascending family number order.

In the family and history section, there are two types of headings; both two lines:

1. Above family tables: The top line comprises the direct family name and number. The second line starts with the "B-C(D)" portion of the direct ancestor, followed if pertinent with successive "B(D)" numbers, and ended with the Generation number of the sibling group.
2. Above individual histories: The top line is as for the family tables. The second line starts and continues as for family tables but ends with the "B(D)" number of the individual to whom the history refers.

The family tables are arranged in ascending order by family number, descending order by generation number and ascending order by child number according to the following blood-line chart. Capital letters designate a direct ancestor.

Assume each child in each generation has two children.

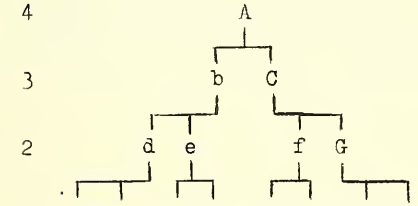


Table Sequence:

Gen.

3 Ab Ac

if C is female, C's descendents in family tables ACf, ACG, ACfl, ACfm, ACGN and ACGo would be in C's husband's lineage.

2 Abd Abe ACf ACG

if G is female, G's descendents in family tables ACGN and ACGo

would be in G's husband's lineage.

1 Abdh Abdi Abej Abek ACfl ACfm ACGN ACGo

if N is female, succeeding generations of family tables of N's descendents would be in N's husband's lineage.

As far as possible, the history of our ancestors or relatives is presented in their own words from family letters. Although much of what they write is of general historic interest, our primary intent is to let them reveal their own character; the way they talked; how they lived and thought. When a history is an impersonal account from published sources, care is taken to identify the source of each reference.

The maiden name of each female ancestor or relative is retained throughout this text. The history of each female direct ancestor prior to her marriage is recorded under her own family name and number; after her marriage, with her husband's history under his family name and number. The history of an "in-law" is included with that of the spouse.

In each family table, the siblings of each family are presented in enclosed boxes, the family member at the left and spouse at the right. When a sibling group is complete, the boxed area for the youngest child is followed by a triple line. When the triple line is omitted, the sibling group is either known to be incomplete when the three vertical lines extend slightly below the boxed area or unknown when the three vertical lines end with the bottom line of the boxed area. A double line above the sibling group separates it from the parents, The lineage is extended from parents when necessary to grandparents and so forth back to the nearest direct ancestors in common with WILLIAM M., ANDREA and WYNFIELD MAYNARD.

When a sibling is known not to have a spouse, an "X" is entered in the box at the right and b., m., and d. designations are omitted. The b., m., and d. designations are printed in an otherwise blank spouse box when it is not known whether the sibling was married, was the parent of a child born out of wedlock or is known to have married but the spouse is unknown.

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DIRECT ANCESTRAL PEDIGREES

Rich man, Poor man, Beggar man, Thief,
Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief.

1;6-6( ) 63

b.

age

d.

age

33;6-1( ) 64

b.

m.

age

d.

age

1;5-5( ) 31
JEDEDIAH MAYNARD
b. 7 Aug 1777

age 24
d.24 May 1828
age 50

17;5-1( ) 32
LYDIA FRANKLIN
b.24 Oct 1777

m.27 Feb 1802
age 24
d. 8 Feb 1861 New York City, NY
age 83

1;4-4(9) 15
ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD
b.30 May 1817 New York City, NY

age 34
d. 5 Jan 1888 Oakland Cem.
age 70 Atlanta, GA

9 & 5;4-1(3) 16
AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE (2)
b.10 Aug 1818 Savannah, GA

m.30 Dec 1851 Hoboken, NJ
age 33
d.11 Nov 1899 Oakland Cem.
age 81 Atlanta, GA

1;3-3(5) 7
ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD
b.18 Oct 1854 New York City, NY

age 31
d.30 Nov 1892 Oakland Cem.
age 38 Atlanta, GA

5;3-1(6) 8
JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE
b.24 Jul 1863 Hoboken, NJ

m.25 Oct 1885 St. Mary's Church,
age 22 Haledon, NJ
d.10 Apr 1935 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 71 Paterson, NJ

1;2-2(1) 3
WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD
b.15 Feb 1889 North Haledon, NJ

age 24
d.15 Dec 1954 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 65 Paterson, NJ

3;2-1(7) 4
NATHALIA ELIZABETH BENZ
b.10 Sep 1889 Haledon, NJ

m.25 Jun 1913 St. Mary's Church,
age 23 Haledon, NJ
d.16 Mar 1964 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 74 Paterson, NJ

1;1-1(1) 1
WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD
b. 6 May 1914 Paterson, NJ

age 24
d.
age

2;1-1(4) 2
MARGARET LYDIA MAURER
b. 8 Sep 1915 Bethlehem, PA

m.11 Jun 1938 Moravian Chapel
age 22 Bethlehem, PA
d.
age

2;6-6( ) 95
ELIAS MAURER
b.

age
d.
age

49;6-1(„) 96
AGNES KÜNZLER
b.

m.
age
d.
age

2;5-5( ) 47
MICHAEL MAURER
b. 5 May 1751 Trossingen, W.Ger.

age 37
d.
age

25;5-1( ) 48
ANNA BARBARA MÜLLER (2)
b.25 Jun 1766 Schwenningen, W.Ger.

m.23 Sep 1788 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 22
d.
age

2;4-4(3) 23
ELIAS MAURER
b.24 Jul 1794 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

age 40
d. 7 Jun 1869 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 74

13;4-1( ) 24
AGATHA STORZ (2)
b. 7 May 1811 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

m. 1 Mar 1835 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 23
d. 6 May 1889 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 78

2;3-3(16) 11
ANDREAS MAURER
b. 4 Jul 1847 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

age 24
d. 2 Jul 1907 Nisky Hill Cem.
age 60 Bethlehem, PA

7;3-1( ) 12
BARBARA STORZ -
b.20 Jun 1853 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

m.30 Jun 1872 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 19
d. 3 Feb 1936 Nisky Hill Cem.
age 82 Bethlehem, PA

2;2-2(1) 5
ANDREW MAURER
b.14 Apr 1874 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

age 30
d.15 Sep 1945 Nisky Hill Cem.
age 71 Bethlehem, PA

4;2-1(4) 6
LYDIA LAVINIA ABELE (2)
b.23 Feb 1880 Quincy, IL

m. 2 Feb 1905 Immanuel Evangelical
age 24 Ch., Allentown, PA
d. 4 Sep 1951 Nisky Hill Cem.
age 71 Bethlehem, PA

2;1-1(4) 2
MARGARET LYDIA MAURER
b. 8 Sep 1915 Bethlehem, PA

m.11 Jun 1938 Moravian Chapel,
age 22 Bethlehem, PA
d.
age

1;1-1(1) 1
WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD
b. 6 May 1914 Paterson, NJ

age 24
d.
age

3;7-6( ) 159
MICHEL BENZ
b.

age
d.
age

81;7-1( ) 160
CATHARINA WUERGER
b..

m.
age
d.
age

3;6-5( ) 79
JOHANNES BENZ
b. 7 Oct 1768 Tegernau, W.Ger.

age 20
d. 7 Oct 1827
age 59

41;6-1( ) 80
VERENA SCHWEINLIN -
b. Buetschenbuch, W.Ger.
m. 8 Nov 1788
age
d.
age

3;5-4(2) 39
FRIEDLIN BENZ (2)
b.27 Feb 1792 Sallneck, W.Ger.

age 23
d.21 Jul 1866
age 74

21;5-1( ) 40
REGINA BARBARA KIEFER
b.

m.15 Mar 1815
age
d.
age

3;4-3( ) 19
JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ
b.15 Jul 1815 Sallneck, W.Ger.

age 34
d.
age

11;4-1( ) 20
ANNA MARIA BRECH -
b. 9 May 1828 Tegernau, W.Ger.

m.18 May 1850 Tegernau, W.Ger.
age 22
d.26 Nov 1887 Cedar Lawn Cem.
age 59 Paterson, NJ

3;3-2(1) 9
JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ
b.31 Jan 1851 Tegernau, W.Ger.

age 25
d.25 Jun 1921 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 70 Paterson, NJ

6;3-1(1) 10
LOUISE STEIMLE "
b.12 Jan 1850 Mohringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
m. 3 Feb 1876 Tumringen, W.Ger.
age 26
d.29 Mar 1919 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 69 Paterson, NJ

3;2-1(7) 4
NATHALIA ELIZABETH BENZ
b.10 Sep 1889 Haledon, NJ

m.25 Jun 1913 St. Mary's Church,
age 23 Haledon, NJ
d.16 Mar 1964 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 74 Paterson, NJ

1;2-2(1) 3
WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD
b.15 Feb 1889 North Haledon, NJ

age 24
d.15 Dec 1954 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 65 Paterson, NJ

4;7-6( ) 223 b. age d. age	113;7-1( ) 224 b. m. age d. age
4;6-5( ) 111 b. age d. age	57;6-1( ) 112 b. m. age d. age
4;5-4( ) 55 b. age d. age	29;5-1( ) 56 b. m. age d. age
4;4-3( ) 27 b. age d. age	15;4-1( ) 28 b. m. age d. age
4;3-2( ) 13 JOSEPH ABELE b. 4 Sep 1847 Stuttgart, W.Ger. age d.23 Jan 1911 Fairview Cem. age 63 Allentown, PA	8;3-1(13) 14 LAVINIA M. NAGLE b. 7 Sep 1854 Allentown, PA m. Allentown, PA age d.22 Dec 1927 Fairview Cem. age 73 Allentown, PA
4;2-1(4) 6 LYDIA LAVINIA ABELE (2) b.23 Feb 1880 Quincy, IL m. 2 Feb 1905 Immanuel Evangel- age 25 ical,Allentown, PA d. 4 Sep 1951 Nisky Hill Cem. age 71 Bethlehem, PA	2;2-1(1) 5 ANDREW MAURER b.14 Apr 1874 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 30 d.15 Sep 1945 Nisky Hill Cem. age 71 Bethlehem, PA

5;8-6( ) 287
b.
age
d.
age

145;8-1( ) 288
b.
m.
age
d.
age

5;7-5( ) 143
b.
age
d.
age

73;7-1( ) 144
b.
m.
age
d.
age

5;6-4( ) 71
WILLIAM MESSERVE
b.
age
d.
age

37;6-1( ) 72
b.
m.
age
d.
age

5;5-3( ) 35
JACOB MESSERVE
b.
age
d.
age

19;5-1(4) 36
DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER
b. Woodbridge, NJ
m.
age
d. Nov 1870 Bay View Cem.
age Jersey City, NJ

5;4-2(4) 17
JOHN JACOB MESSERVE
b.14 Nov 1822 Savannah, GA
age 29
d.11 Jan 1889 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 66 Paterson, NJ

10;4-1(6) 18
JULIA CLELAND
b.22 Aug 1824 Manhattanville, New York City, NY
m.13 May 1852 St. Thomas Church,
age 27 New York City, NY
d. 6 Feb 1896 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 71 Paterson, NJ

5;3-1(6) 8
JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE
b.24 Jul 1863 Hoboken, NJ
m.24 Oct 1885 St. Mary's Church,
age 22 Haledon, NJ
d.10 Apr 1935 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 71 Paterson, NJ

1;3-3(5) 7
ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD
b.18 Oct 1854 New York City, NY
age 31
d.30 Nov 1892 Oakland Cem.
age 38 Atlanta, GA

6;14-12( ) 22527 b. age d. age	11265;14-1( ) 22528 b. m. age d. age
6;13-11( ) 11263 b. age d. age	5633;13-1( ) 11264 b. m. age d. age
6;12-10( ) 5631 b. age d. age	2817;12-1( ) 5632 b. m. age d. age
6;11-9( ) 2815 b. age d. age	1409;11-1( ) 2816 b. m. age d. age
6;10-8( ) 1407 b. age d. age	705;10-1( ) 1408 b. m. age d. age
6;9-7( ) 703 JOHANN JAKOB STEIMLE bt. 4 Aug 1665 Wildberg, Calw W.Ger. age 26 d. age	353;9-1( ) 704 MAGDALENA RUDOLPH b. m. 7 Oct 1691 Wildberg, Calw W.Ger. age d. age

6;8-6( ) 351
JOHANN GEORG STEIMLE
bt.11 Aug 1698 Wildberg, Calw, W.Ger.
age 24
d.
age

177;8-1( ) 352
CATHARINA SATTLER
bt.16 Apr 1698 Wildberg, Calw, W.Ger.
m.29 Jun 1723 Wildberg, Calw,
age 25 W.Ger.
d.
age

6;7-5( ) 175
JOHANN GEORG STEIMLE
bt. 4 Jan 1726 Wildberg, Calw, W.Ger.
age 27
d.
age

89;7-1( ) 176
ELIZABETH KATHARINA ROLLER
b.
m.20 Feb 1753 Wildberg, Calw,
age W.Ger.
d.
age

6;6-4( ) 87
TOBIAS STEIMLE
b.28 Mar 1764 Wildberg, Calw, W.Ger.
age 20
d.25 Jan 1827 Wildberg, Calw,
age 62 W.Ger.

45;6-1( ) 88
CHRISTINE SCHNEIDER
b.29 Sep 1761 Bulach
m. 7 Sep 1784 Bulach
age 22
d.18 Oct 1833 Wildberg, Calw,
age 72 W.Ger.

6;5-3(2) 43
JOHANN CHRISTOF STEIMLE
b.18 Jul 1787 Wildberg, Calw, W.Ger.
age 24
d.10 Dec 1864
age 77

23;5-1( ) 44
MARIA ELIZABETH RENZ
b. 9 May 1784
m.17 Sep 1811
age 27
d.27 Jan 1855
age 70

6;4-2(6) 21
CHRISTIAN ALBRECHT STEIMLE
b. 9 Sep 1823 Wildberg, Calw, W.Ger.
age 29
d. 5 Jan 1895 Stuttgart, W.Ger.
age 71

12;4-1( ) 22
MARGARETHE SÖLL (1)
b. 5 Dec 1821 Möhringen auf den Fildern, W.Ger.
m. 3 Jul 1853 Degerloch, Stutt-
age 31 gart, W.Ger.
d. 1 Jan 1878 Basel, Switzerland
age 56

6;3-1(1) 10
LOUISE STEIMLE
b.12 Jan 1850 Möhringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
m. 3 Feb 1876 Tumringen, W.Ger.
age 26
d.29 Mar 1919 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 69 Paterson, NJ

3;3-2(1) 9
JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ
b.31 Jan 1851 Tegernau, W.Ger.
age 25
d.25 Jun 1921 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 70 Paterson, NJ

7;4-2( ) 25

b.

d.
age

14;4-1(2) 26
ROSINA STORZ
b.11 Apr 1816 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

m. (unmarried)

d.15 Dec 1877 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 61

7;3-1( ) 12
BARBARA STORZ -
b.20 Jun 1853 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

m.30 Jun 1872 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 19
d. 3 Feb 1936 Nisky Hill Cem.
age 82 Bethlehem, PA

2;3-3(16) 11
ANDREAS MAURER
b. 4 Jul 1847 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

age 24
d. 2 Jul 1907 Nisky Hill Cem.
age 60 Bethlehem, PA

8;5-3( ) 59
JOHN NAGLE
b.

age
d.
age

31;5-1( ) 60
MARY SAVITZ
b.

m.
age
d.
age

8;4-2(1) 29
JACOB NAGLE
b. 1814 Salisbury Township, PA

age
d. 1894
age 80

16;4-1(3) 30
MARGARET ALBRIGHT (1)
b. Lancaster County, PA

m.
age
d.
age

8;3-1(13) 14
LAVINIA M. NAGLE
b. 7 Sep 1854 Allentown, PA

m. Allentown, PA
age
d.22 Dec 1927 Fairview Cem.
age 73 Allentown, PA

4;3-3( ) 13
JOSEPH ABELE
b. 4 Sep 1847 Stuttgart, W.Ger.

age
d.23 Jan 1911 Fairview Cem.
age 63 Allentown, PA

5;5-3( ) 35 (9;5-2( )) (33) JACOB MESSERVE b. age d. age	19;5-1(4) 36 (18;5-1(4)) (34) DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER b. Woodbridge, NJ m. age d. Nov 1870 Bay View Cem. age Jersey City, NJ
5;4-1(3) 16 (9;4-1(3)) AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE (2) b.10 Aug 1818 Savannah, GA m.30 Dec 1851 Hoboken, NJ age 33 d.11 Nov 1899 Oakland Cem. age 81 Atlanta, GA	1;4-4(9) 15 ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD b.30 May 1817 New York City, NY age 34 d. 5 Jan 1888 Oakland Cem. age 70 Atlanta, GA

In the MAYNARD lineage (page 2), the marriage, in generation 3, of ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD to his first cousin, JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE, establishes the MESSERVE family number as 5. In the same manner, the marriage, in generation 4, between ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD and AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE establishes the MESSERVE family number as 9. Since the father of JULIA, JOHN JACOB MESSERVE, is the brother of AMANDA, JACOB MESSERVE would derive his number, 5;5-3( ), from son JOHN and 9;5-2( ) from daughter, AMANDA; their mother, DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER, 19;5-1(4) from son JOHN and 18;5-1(4) from daughter AMANDA. The family number 5 established in the most recent generation is retained. Family numbers 9 and 18 with associated individual numbers and their progression over successive generations are omitted from the numbering system.

10;6-3( ) 75
b.
age
d.
age

39;6-1( ) 76
SCOTT
b.
m.
age
d.
age

10;5-2( ) 37
CHARLES CLELAND
b.24 Oct 1789 Edinburgh, Scot.
age 22
d.11 Dec 1841 Manhattanville,
age 52 New York City, NY

20;5-1(4) 38
JULIA COTTRELL
b. 8 Mar 1792 New London, CT
m. 9 May 1812 Brick Presbyterian
age 20 Ch.New York City,NY
d.15 Jul 1878
age 86 New York City, NY

10;4-1(6) 18
JULIA CLELAND
b.22 Aug 1824 Manhattanville,
New York City, NY
m.13 May 1852 St. Thomas Church,
age 27 New York City, NY
d. 6 Feb 1896 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 71 Paterson, NJ

5;4-2(4) 17
JOHN JACOB MESSERVE
b.14 Nov 1822 Savannah, GA
age 29
d.11 Jan 1889 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 66 Paterson, NJ

(Unknown) 11

11;5-2( ) 41
b.
d.
age

22;5-1( ) 42
BRECH
b.
m. (unmarried)
d.
age

11;4-1( ) 20
ANNA MARIA BRECH -
b. 9 May 1828 Tegernau, W.Ger.
m.18 May 1850 Tegernau, W.Ger.
age 22
d.26 Nov 1887 Cedar Lawn Cem.
age 59 Paterson, NJ

3;4-3( ) 19
JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ
b.15 Jul 1815 Sallneck, W.Ger.
age 34
d.
age

12;5-2( ) 45
GEORG ERHARD SÖLL
b. Möhringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
age
d.
age

24;5-1( ) 46
DOROTHEE GÜNTHER
b.
m.
age
d.
age

12;4-1( ) 22
MARGARETHE SÖLL (1)
b. 5 Dec 1821 Möhringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
m. 3 Jul 1853 Degerloch, Stuttage 31 gart, W.Ger.
d. 1 Jan 1878 Basel, Switzerland
age 56

6;4-2(6) 21
CHRISTIAN ALBRECHT STEIMLE
b. 9 Sep 1823 Wildberg, Calw, W.Ger.
age 29
d. 5 Jan 1895 Stuttgart, W.Ger.
age 71

13;6-3( ) 99
JOHANNES STORZ
b.
age
d.
age

51;6-1( ) 100
MARIA ETTER
b.
m.
age
d.
age

13;5-2( ) 49
CHRISTIAN STORZ
b.29 Oct 1767 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 41
d.10 Jan 1843 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 75

26;5-1(6) 50
REGINE RIEGER (2)
b. 1 May 1778 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
m. 6 Aug 1809 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 31
d. 6 Sep 1854 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 76

13;4-1( ) 24
AGATHA STORZ (2)
b. 7 May 1811 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
m. 1 Mar 1835 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 23
d. 6 May 1889 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 78

2;4-4( ) 23
ELIAS MAURER
b.24 Jul 1794 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 40
d. 7 Jun 1869 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 74

14;15-12( ) 55,295 b. age d. age	26,049;15-1( ) 55,296 b. m. age d. age
14;14-11( ) 27,647 b. age d. age	13,025;14-1( ) 27,648 b. m. age d. age
14;13-10( ) 13,823 b. age d. age	6513;13-1( ) 13,824 b. m. age d. age
14;12-9( ) 6911 b. age d. age	3257;12-1( ) 6912 b. m. age d. age
14;11-8( ) 3455 b. age d. age	1629;11-1( ) 3456 b. m. age d. age
14;10-7( ) 1727 JAKOB STORZ b. age d. age	865;10-1( ) 1728 b. m. age d. age

14;9-6( ) 863
GEORG STORZ (3)
b. 1648 Erdmannsweiler

age 37
d.28 May 1693 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 45

433;9-1( ) 864
MARIA RAPP
b. 8 Feb 1648 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

m.25 Nov 1685 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 37
d.23 Jun 1700 " Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 52

14;8-5(1) 431
MARTIN STORZ
b. 9 Oct 1685 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

age 34
d.19 May 1762 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 76

217;8-1(10) 432
ROSINA GEIGER
b.22 Aug 1696 " Flözlingen, W.Ger.

m. 6 Feb 1720 Flözlingem, W.Ger.
age 23
d.
age

14;7-4(1) 215
GEORG STORZ
b.28 Apr 1721 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

age 37
d.31 Dec 1792
age 71

109;7-1(1) 216
LUZIA HAUG (1)
b. 7 Feb 1736 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

m.17 Oct 1758 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 22
d.10 May 1771 " Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 35

14;6-3(1) 107
CHRISTIAN STORZ
b. 9 Jul 1759 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

age 23
d.29 Jun 1828 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 68

55;6-1(1) 108
MARIA WOSSNER
b. 1 Mar 1764 " Flözlingen, W.Ger.

m. 1 Oct 1782 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 18
d.12 Oct 1826 " Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 62

14;5-2(3) 53
CHRISTIAN STORZ
b.20 Mar 1790 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

age 25
d.18 Feb 1871 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 80

28;5-1(5) 54
BARBARA HILS
b.11 Nov 1796 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

m.12 Apr 1815 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 18
d.24 Sep 1874 " Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 77

14;4-1(2) 26
ROSINA STORZ
b.11 Apr 1816 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

m. (unmarried)

d.15 Dec 1877 " Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 61

7;4-2( ) 25

b.

d.
age

16;6-3( ) 123 b. age d. age	63;6-1( ) 124 b. m. age d. age
16;5-2( ) 61 HENRY ALBRIGHT b. age d. age	32;5-1( ) 62 MARGARET STAUFFER b. m. age d. age
16;4-1(3) 30 MARGARET ALBRIGHT (1) b. Lancaster County, PA m. age d. age	8;4-2(1) 29 JACOB NAGLE b. 1814 Salisbury Township, PA age d. 1894 age 80

17;6-2( ) 65 b. age d. age	34;6-1( ) 66 b. m. age d. age
17;5-1( ) 32 LYDIA FRANKLIN b.24 Oct 1777 m.27 Feb 1802 age 24 d. 8 Feb 1861 New York City, NY age 83	1;5-5( ) 31 JEDEDIAH MAYNARD b. 7 Aug 1777 age 24 d.24 May 1828 age 50

19;7-3( ) 147 b. age d. age	75;7-1( ) 148 b. m. age d. age
19;6-2( ) 73 WILLIAM CREEMER b. 6 Mar 1763 age 27 d. 5 Apr 1828 1st Presbyterian age 65 Church Cem., Woodbridge, NJ	38;6-1(2) 74 PHOEBE JOHNSON (2) b.22 Jul 1772 Woodbridge, NJ m.28 Aug 1790 age 18 d. Mar 1862 age 89
19;5-1(4) 36 DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER b. Woodbridge, NJ m. age d. Nov 1870 Bay View Cem., age Jersey City, NJ	5;5-3( ) 35 JACOB MESSERVE b. age d. age

20;6-2( ) 77 JAMES W. COTTRELL b. age d. age	40;6-1( ) 78 ROSAMOND WICKHAM b. m. 1790 age d. 1841 age
20;5-1(4) 38 JULIA COTTRELL b. 8 Mar 1792 New London, CT m. 9 May 1812 Brick Presbyterian age 20 Ch.New York City,NY d.15 Jul 1878 age 86 New York City, NY	10;5-2( ) 37 CHARLES CLELAND b.24 Oct 1789 Edinburgh, Scot. age 22 d.11 Dec 1841 Manhattanville, age 52 New York City, NY

21;7-3( ) 163 b. age d. age	83;7-1( ) 164 b. m. age d. age
21;6-2( ) 81 b. age d. age	42;6-1( ) 82 b. m. age d. age
21;5-1( ) 40 REGINA BARBARA KIEFER b. m.15 Mar 1815 age d. age	3;5-4(2) 39 FRIEDLIN BENZ b.27 Feb 1792 Sallneck, W.Ger. age 23 d.21 Jul 1866 age 74

22;6-2( ) 85 b. age d. age	44;6-1( ) 86 b. m. age d. age
22;5-1( ) 42 BRECH b. m. (unmarried) d. age	11;5-2( ) 41 b. d. age

23;7-3( ) 179 b. age d. age	91;7-1( ) 180 b. m. age d. age
23;6-2( ) 89 b. age d. age	46;6-1( ) 90 b. m. age d. age
23;5-1( ) 44 MARIA ELIZABETH RENZ b. 9 May 1784 m.17 Sep 1811 age 27 d.27 Jan 1855 age 70	6;5-3(2) 43 JOHANN CHRISTOF STEIMLE b.18 Jul 1787 Wildberg, Calw, W.Ger. age 24 d.10 Dec 1864 age 77

24;6-2( ) 93 b. age d. age	48;6-1( ) 94 b. m. age d. age
24;5-1( ) 46 DOROTHEE GÜNTHER b. m. age d. age	12;5-2( ) 45 GEORG ERHARD SÖLL b. Möhringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger. age d. age

25;10-6( ) 1567 b. age d. age	785;10-1( ) 1568 b. m. age d. age
25;9-5( ) 783 b. age d. age	393;9-1( ) 784 b. m. age d. age
25;8-4( ) 391 b. age d. age	197;8-1( ) 392 b. m. age d. age
25;7-3( ) 195 b. age d. age	99;7-1( ) 196 b. m. age d. age
25;6-2(„) 97 JAKOB MÜLLER b. age d. age	50;6-1( ) 98 ANNA SCHLENKER b. m. age d. age
25;5-1( ) 48 ANNA BARBARA MÜLLER (2) b.25 Jun 1766 Schwenningen, W.Ger. m.23 Sep 1788 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 22 d. age	2;5-5( ) 47 MICHAEL MAURER b. 5 May 1751 Trossingen, W.Ger. age 37 d. age

26;10-6( ) 1631
b.
age
d.
age

817;10-1( ) 1632
b.
m.
age
d.
age

26;9-5( ) 815
HANNS DIETRICH RIEGER
b.
age
d.
age

409;9-1( ) 816
b.
m.
age
d.
age

26;8-4( ) 407
JOHANNES RIEGER
b. 1677 Rietheim
age 27
d.29 Jul 1742 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 65

205;8-1(10) 408
CATHARINA LÖHRER
b.18 Nov 1681 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
m.10 Feb 1705 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 23
d.31 Jan 1762 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 80

26;7-3(4) 203
JAKOB RIEGER
b. 5 May 1710 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 24
d.15 Jan 1785 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 74

103;7-1( ) 204
SOPHIA REGINA STÄHLIN
b.22 Jul 1714 Rosenfeld bei Balingen.
m.31 Aug 1734 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 20
d.13 Oct 1769 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 55

26;6-2(4) 101
JOHANNES RIEGER
b. 1 Oct 1742 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 24
d.27 Feb 1818 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 75

52;6-1( ) 102
MARIA AGATHA BENZING (1)
b. 8 Feb 1743 Schwenningen
m.31 Oct 1766
age 23
d.16 Dec 1800 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 57

26;5-1(6) 50
REGINE RIEGER (2)
b. 1 May 1778 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
m. 6 Aug 1809 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 31
d. 6 Sep 1854 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 76

13;5-2( ) 49
CHRISTIAN STORZ
b.29 Oct 1767 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 41
d.10 Jan 1843 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 75

28;10-6( ) 1759
b.
age
d.
age

881;10-1( ) 1760
b.
m.
age
d.
age

28;9-5( ) 879
b.
age
d.
age

441;9-1( ) 880
b.
m.
age
d.
age

28;8-4( ) 439
CHRISTIAN HILS
b.
age
d. Schönbron
age

221;8-1( ) 440
URSULA ETTER
b.
m.
age
d.
age

28;7-3( ) 219
SAMUEL HILS
b. 7 Apr 1745 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 18
d. 20 Jun 1808 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 63

111;7-1( ) 220
BARBARA HILS (1)
b. 1745 Schabenhausen
m. 26 Apr 1763 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 17
d. 16 Dec 1771 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 26

28;6-2(2) 109
CHRISTIAN HILS
b. 26 Jan 1768 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 22
d. 19 Feb 1841 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 73

56;6-1( ) 110
ROSINA FLEIGIN
b. 5 Mar 1771 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
m. 4 May 1790 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 19
d. 14 Feb 1837 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 65

28;5-1(5) 54
BARBARA HILS
b. 11 Nov 1796 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
m. 12 Apr 1815 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 18
d. 24 Sep 1874 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 77

14;5-2( ) 53
CHRISTIAN STORZ
b. 20 Mar 1790 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 25
d. 18 Feb 1871 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 80

31;6-2( ) 121 b. age d. age	62;6-1( ) 122 b. m. age d. age
31;5-1( ) 60 MARY SAVITZ b. m. age d. age	8;5-3( ) 59 JOHN NAGLE b. age d. age

32;7-3( ) 251 b. age d. age	127;7-1( ) 252 b. m. age d. age
32;6-2( ) 125 b. age d. age	64;6-1( ) 126 b. m. age d. age
32;5-1( ) 62 MARGARET STAUFFER b. m. age d. age	16;5-2( ) 61 HENRY ALBRIGHT b. age d. age

38;8-3( ) 299

b.

age

d.

age

151;8-1( ) 300

b.

m.

age

d.

age

38;7-2( ) 149
ABRAHAM JOHNSON
b.22 Feb 1727

age 38
d. 2 Oct 1795 1st Presbyterian
age 68 Church Cem.
Woodbridge, NJ

76;7-1(3) 150
DEBORAH BARRON
b.29 May 1739 Woodbridge, NJ

m. 3/4 Apr 1765 Woodbridge, NJ
age 25
d. 2 Jan 1792 1st Presbyterian
age 52 Church Cem.
Woodbridge, NJ

38;6-1(2) 74
PHOEBE JOHNSON (2)
b.22 Jul 1772 Woodbridge, NJ

m.28 Aug 1790
age 18
d. Mar 1862
age 89

19;6-2( ) 73
WILLIAM CREEMER
b. 6 Mar 1763

age 27
d. 5 Apr 1828 1st Presbyterian
age 65 Church Cem.,
Woodbridge, NJ

39;7-2( ) 153
THOMAS SCOTT
b.

age
d.

age

78;7-1( ) 154
MARGARET THOMSON (2)
b.

m.

age
d.

age

39;6-1( ) 76
SCOTT
b.

m.

age
d.

age

10;6-3( ) 75
CLELAND
b.

age
d.

age

40;7-2( ) 157 b. age d. age	80;7-1( ) 158 b. m. age d. age
40;6-1( ) 78 ROSAMOND WICKHAM b. m. 1790 age d. 1841 age	20;6-2( ) 77 JAMES W. COTTRELL b. age d. age

(Unknown) 41

41;8-3( ) 323 b. age d. age	163;8-1( ) 324 b. m. age d. age
41;7-2( ) 161 b. d. age	82;7-1( ) 162 SCHWEINLIN b. m. (unmarried) d. age
41;6-1( ) 80 VERENA SCHWEINLIN - b. Buetschenbuch, W.Ger. m. 8 Nov 1788 age d. age	3;6-5( ) 79 JOHANNES BENZ b. 7 Oct 1768 Tegernau, W.Ger. age 20 d. 7 Oct 1827 age 59

45;8-3( ) 355
b.
age
d.
age

179;8-1( ) 356
b.
m.
age
d.
age

45;7-2( ) 177
JAKOB SCHNEIDER
b.
age
d.
age

90;7-1( ) 178
b.
m.
age
d.
age

45;6-1( ) 88
CHRISTINE SCHNEIDER
b.29 Sep 1761 Bulach
m. 7 Sep 1784 Bulach
age 22
d.18 Oct 1833 Wildberg, Calw,
age 72 W.Ger.

6;6-4( ) 87
TOBIAS STEIMLE
b.28 Mar 1764 Wildberg, Calw, W.Ger.
age 20
d.25 Jan 1827 Wildberg, Calw,
age 62 W.Ger.

49;7-2( ) 193
b.
age
d.
age

98;7-1( ) 194
b.
m.
age
d.
age

49;6-1(„) 96
AGNES KÜNZLER
b.
m.
age
d.
age

2;6-6( ) 95
ELIAS MAURER
b.
age
d.
age

50;7-2( ) 197
b.
age
d.
age

100;7-1( ) 198
b.
m.
age
d.
age

50;6-1( ) 98
ANNA SCHLENKER
b.
m.
age
d.
age

25;6-2(„) 97
JAKOB MÜLLER
b.
age
d.
age

51;8-3( ) 403
b.
age
d.
age

203;8-1( ) 404
b.
m.
age
d.
age

51;7-2( ) 201
b.
age
d.
age

102;7-1( ) 202
b.
m.
age
d.
age

51;6-1( ) 100
MARIA ETTER
b.
m.
age
d.
age

13;6-3( ) 99
JOHANNES STORZ
b.
age
d.
age

52;7-2( ) 205
CHRISTIAN BENZING
b. Schwenningen

age
d.
age

104;7-1( ) 206
ANNA SCHLENKER
b. Schwenningen

m.
age
d.
age

52;6-1( ) 102
MARIA AGATHA BENZING (1)
b. 8 Feb 1743 Schwenningen

m.31 Oct 1766
age 23
d.16 Dec 1800 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 57

26;6-2(4) 101
JOHANNES RIEGER
b. 1 Oct 1742 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

age 24
d.27 Feb 1818 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 75

55;8-3( ) 435
ANDREAS WÖSSNER
b.

age
d.
age

219;8-1( ) 436
URSULA
b.

m.
age
d.
age

55;7-2( ) 217
GEORG WÖSSNER
b.

age
d.26 Mar 1791 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age

110;7-1( ) 218
ANNA BARBARA BÜHLER
b.23 Nov 1737 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

m.20 Jan 1760 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 22
d.20 Dec 1794 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 57

55;6-1(1) 108
MARIA WÖSSNER
b. 1 Mar 1764 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

m. 1 Oct 1782 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 18
d.12 Oct 1826 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 62

14;6-3(1) 107
CHRISTIAN STORZ
b. 9 Jul 1759 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

age 23
d.29 Jun 1828 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 68

56;11-6( ) 3551 b. age d. age	1777;11-1( ) 3552 b. m. age d. age
56;10-5( ) 1775 b. age d. age	889;10-1( ) 1776 b. m. age d. age
56;9-4( ) 887 b. age d. age	445;9-1( ) 888 b. m. age d. age
56;8-3( ) 443 b. age d. age	223;8-1( ) 444 b. m. age d. age
56;7-2( ) 221 HANNS JERG FLEIG b. age d. age	112;7-1( ) 222 ANNA JACKLIN b. m. age d. age
56;6-1( ) 110 ROSINA FLEIGIN b. 5 Mar 1771 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m. 4 May 1790 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 19 d.14 Feb 1837 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 65	28;6-2(2) 109 CHRISTIAN HILS b.26 Jan 1768 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 22 d.19 Feb 1841 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 73

76;12-6( ) 4831

b.

age

d.

age

2417;12-1( ) 4832

b.

m.

age

d.

age

76;11-5( ) 2415

ELLIS BARRON

b. 1600* Waterford, Ire.

age 25

d.30 Oct 1676 Watertown, MA

age 76

1209;11-1( ) 2416

GRACE (1)

b.

m. 1625 Waterford, Ire.

age

d. 1650 Watertown, MA

age

76;10-4(5) 1207

JOHN BARRON

b. 1638 Waterford, Ire.

age 26

d. 1 Jan 1693 Groton, MA

age 54

605;10-1(3) 1208

ELIZABETH HUNT

b. 1636

m. 1 Apr 1664 Concord, MA

age 28

d. 1704

age 68

76;9-3(3) 603

ELIZEUS BARRON

b. 4 Jun 1672 Groton, MA

age 38

d.24 Jun 1715 1st Presbyterian

age 43 Church Cem.

Woodbridge, NJ

303;9-1(4) 604

DEBORAH ANDREWS (2)

b. 9 May 1680 Woodbridge, NJ

m. 1709/0 Woodbridge, NJ

age 30

d.

age

76;8-2(2) 301

SAMUEL BARRON

b. 1711 Woodbridge, NJ

age

d. 1 Sep 1801 1st Presbyterian

age 90 Church Cem.

Woodbridge, NJ

152;8-1(8) 302

ELIZABETH FRAZEE (1)

b. 1714/5 Elizabethtown, NJ

m. Woodbridge, NJ

age

d.22 Feb 1744/5 1st Presbyterian

age 29 Church Cem.

Woodbridge, NJ

76;7-1(3) 150

DEBORAH BARRON

b.29 May 1739 Woodbridge, NJ

m. 3 Apr 1765 Woodbridge, NJ

age 25

d. 2 Jan 1792 1st Presbyterian

age 52 Church Cem.

Woodbridge, NJ

38;7-2( ) 149

ABRAHAM JOHNSON

b.22 Feb 1727

age 38

d. 2 Oct 1795 1st Presbyterian

age 68 Church Cem.

Woodbridge, NJ

78;9-3( ) 619
b.
age
d.
age

311;9-1( ) 620
b.
m.
age
d.
age

78;8-2( ) 309
b.
age
d.
age

156;8-1( ) 310
b.
m.
age
d.
age

78;7-1( ) 154
MARGARET THOMSON (2)
b.
m.
age
d.
age

39;7-2( ) 153
THOMAS SCOTT
b.
age
d.
age

81;8-2( ) 321
b.
age
d.
age

162;8-1( ) 322
b.
m.
age
d.
age

81;7-1( ) 160
CATHARINA WUERGER
b.
m.
age
d.
age

3;7-6( ) 159
MICHEL BENZ
b.
age
d.
age

82;8-2( ) 325 b. age d. age	164;8-1( ) 326 b. m. age d. age
82;7-1( ) 162 SCHWEINLIN b. m. (unmarried) d. age	41;7-2( ) 161 b. d. age

89;9-3( ) 707 b. age d. age	355;9-1( ) 708 b. m. age d. age
89;8-2( ) 353 b. age d. age	178;8-1( ) 354 b. m. age d. age
89;7-1( ) 176 ELIZABETH KATHARINA ROLLER b. m.20 Feb 1753 Wildberg, Calw, age W.Ger. d. age	6;7-5( ) 175 JOHANN GEORG STEIMLE bt. 4 Jan 1726 Wildberg, Calw, W.Ger. age 27 d. age

103;9-3( ) 819 b. age d. age	411;9-1( ) 820 b. m. age d. age
103;8-2(„) 409 JAKOB STÄHLIN b. age d. age	206;8-1( ) 410 b. m. age d. age
103;7-1( ) 204 SOPHIA REGINA STÄHLIN b.22 Jul 1714 Rosenfeld bei Balingen m.31 Aug 1734 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 20 d.13 Oct 1769 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 55	26;7-3(4) 203 JAKOB RIEGER b. 5 May 1710 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 24 d.15 Jan 1785 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 74

104;8-2( ) 413 b. age d. age	208;8-1( ) 414 b. m. age d. age
104;7-1( ) 206 ANNA SCHLENKER b. Schwenningen m. age d. age	52;7-2( ) 205 CHRISTIAN BENZING b. Schwenningen age d. age

109;9-3( ) 867
JERG HAUG
b.

age
d.
age

435;9-1( ) 868
MARIA NETTER
b.

m.
age
d.
age

109;8-2( ) 433
CHRISTIAN HAUG
b. 8 Dec 1681 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

age 53
d. 5 Dec 1758 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 77

218;8-1( ) 434
MARGARETHA KÜHNINGER (2)
b. 1695 Stockwald

m.10 May 1735 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 40
d.16 Nov 1758 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 63

109;7-1(1) 216
LUZIA HAUG (1)
b. 7 Feb 1736 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

m.17 Oct 1758 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 22
d.10 May 1771 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 35

14;7-4(1) 215
GEORG STORZ
b.28 Apr 1721 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

age 37
d. Dec 1793
age 71

110;8-2( ) 437
GEORG BÜHLER
b.

age
d.
age

220;8-1( ) 438
URSULA
b.

m.
age
d.
age

110;7-1( ) 218
ANNA BARBARA BÜHLER
b.23 Nov 1737 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

m.20 Jan 1760 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 22
d.20 Dec 1794 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 57

55;7-2(„) 217
GEORG WÖSSNER
b.

age
d.26 Mar 1791 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age

111;9-3( ) 883 b. age d. age	443;9-1( ) 884 b. m. age d. age
111;8-2( ) 441 b. age d. age	222;8-1( ) 442 b. m. age d. age
111;7-1( ) 220 BARBARA HILS (1) b. 1745 Schabenhausen m.26 Apr 1763 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 17 d.16 Dec 1771 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 26	28;7-3( ) 219 SAMUEL HILS b. 7 Apr 1745 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 18 d.20 Jun 1808 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 63

112;8-2( ) 445 b. age d. age	224;8-1( ) 446 b. m. age d. age
112;7-1( ) 222 ANNA JÄCKLIN b. m. age d. age	56;7-2( ) 221 HANNS JERG FLEIG b. age d. age

152;10-3( ) 1211 JOSEPH FRAZEE b. 1640-5 age d. Jan 1714/5 Elizabethtown, NJ age	607;10-1( ) 1212 (1) b. m. age d. age
152;9-2(4) 605 ELIPHALET FRAZEE b. 167- age d. 1715/6 age	304;9-1( ) 606 MARGARET CARLILE b. Scotland m. age d. 1747 age
152;8-1(8) 302 ELIZABETH FRAZEE (1) b. 1714/5 Elizabethtown, NJ m. age d.22 Feb 1744 1st Presbyterian age 29 Church Cem. Woodbridge, NJ	76;8-2(2) 301 SAMUEL BARRON b. 1711 Woodbridge, NJ age d. 1 Sep 1801 1st Presbyterian age 90 Church Cem. Woodbridge, NJ

177;9-2( ) 705 b. age d. age	354;9-1( ) 706 b. m. age d. age
177;8-1( ) 352 CATHARINA SATTLER bt.16 Apr 1698 Wildberg, Calw, W.Ger. m.29 Jun 1723 Wildberg, Calw, age 25 W.Ger. d. age	6;8-6( ) 351 JOHANN GEORG STEIMLE bt.11 Aug 1698 Wildberg, Calw, W.Ger. age 24 d. age

205;13-6( ) 13,087 b. age d. age	6545;13-1( ) 13,088 b. m. age d. age
205;12-5( ) 6543 b. age d. age	3273;12-1( ) 6544 b. m. age d. age
205;11-4( ) 3271 b. age d. age	1637;11-1( ) 3272 b. m. age d. age
205;10-3( ) 1635 JAKOB LÖHRER b. age d. age	819;10-1( ) 1636 URSULA b. m. age d. age
205;9-2( ) 817 JAKOB LÖHRER b.14 May 1647 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 22 d.11 Jan 1707 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 59	410;9-1( ) 818 CATHARINA GEIGER b.31 Aug 1645 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m. 9 Nov 1669 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 24 d.26 Feb 1720 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 74
205;8-1(10) 408 CATHARINA LÖHRER b.18 Nov 1681 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m.10 Feb 1705 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 23 d.31 Jan 1762 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 80	26;8-4( ) 407 JOHANNES RIEGER b. 1677 Rietheim age 27 d.29 Jul 1742 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 65

217;13-6( ) 13,855 b. age d. age	6929;13-1( ) 13,856 b. m. age d. age
217;12-5( ) 6927 b. age d. age	3465;12-1( ) 6928 b. m. age d. age
217;11-4( ) 3463 b. age d. age	1733;11-1( ) 3464 b. m. age d. age
217;10-3( ) 1731 HANS GEIGER b. age d. age	867;10-1( ) 1732 MARIA b. m. age d. age
217;9-2( ) 865 MICHAEL GEIGER b.11 Aug 1650 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 25 d.12 Nov 1731 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 81	434;9-1( ) 866 JULIANA STAIGER b. 1656 Weiler m. 1675 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 19 d.19 Mar 1699 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 43
217;8-1(10) 432 ROSINA GEIGER b.22 Aug 1696 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m. 6 Feb 1720 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 23 d. age	14;8-5(1) 431 MARTIN STORZ b. 9 Oct 1685 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 34 d.19 May 1762 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 76

218;10-3( ) 739 b. age d. age	871;10-1( ) 1740 b. m. age d. age
218;9-2( ) 869 MICHAEL KÜHINGER b. age d. age	436;9-1( ) 870 b. m. age d. age
218;8-1( ) 434 MARGARETHA KÜHNINGER (2) b. 1695 Stockwald m.10 May 1735 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 40 d.16 Nov 1758 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 63	109;8-2( ) 433 CHRISTIAN HAUG b. 8 Dec 1681 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 53 d. 5 Dec 1758 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 77

221;9-2( ) 881 b. age d. age	442;9-1( ) 882 b. m. age d. age
221;8-1( ) 440 URSULA ETTER b. m. age d. age	28;8-4( ) 439 CHRISTIAN HILS b. age d. age

303;14-6( ) 19,35[9]
b.
age
d.
age

9681;14-1( ) 19,360
b.
m.
age
d.
age

303;13-5( ) 9679
b.
age
d.
age

4841;13-1( ) 9680
b.
m.
age
d.
age

303;12-4( ) 4839
THOMAS ANDREWS
b. Devonshire, Eng.
age
d.21 Aug 1643 Hingham, MA
age

2421;12-1( ) 4840
b.
m.
age
d.
age

303;11-3( ) 2419
JOSEPH ANDREWS
b. 1597 Devonshire, Eng.
age
d. 1 Jan 1679/0 Hingham, MA
age 82

1211;11-1( ) 2420
ELIZABETH
b.
m.
age
d.12 Aug 1688
age

303;10-2(5) 1209
EPHRAIM ANDREWS
bt.17 Aug 1639 Hingham, MA
age 32
d. 1714 Woodbridge, NJ
age 75

606;10-1(5) 1210
DORCAS SMITH
bt.18 Aug 1650 Barnstable, MA
m.16 Nov 1671 Woodbridge, NJ
age 21
d.
age

303;9-1(4) 604
DEBORAH ANDREWS (2)
b. 9 May 1680 Woodbridge, NJ
m. 1709/0 Woodbridge, NJ
age 30
d.
age

76;9-3(3) 603
ELIZEUS BARRON
b. 4 Jun 1672 Groton, MA
age 38
d.24 Jun 1715 1st Presbyterian
age 43 Church Cem.
Woodbridge, NJ

304;11-3( ) 2427 b. age d. age	1215;11-1( ) 2428 b. m. age d. age
304;10-2( ) 1213 JAMES CARLILE (1) b. Scotland age d. age	608;10-1( ) 1214 MARGARET ALLEN b. m. age d. age
304;9-1( ) 606 MARGARET CARLILE b. Scotland m. age d. 1747 age	152;9-2(4) 605 ELIPHALET FRAZEE b. 167- age d. 1715/6 age

353;10-2( ) 1409 b. age d. age	706;10-1( ) 1410 b. m. age d. age
353;9-1( ) 704 MAGDALINA RUDOLPH b. m. 7 Oct 1691 Wildberg, Calw, age W.Ger. d. age	6;9-7( ) 703 JOHANN JAKOB STEIMLE bt. 4 Aug 1665 Wildberg, Calw, W.Ger. age 26 d. age

410;10-2( ) 1637 HANNS GEIGER b. age d. age	820;10-1( ) 1638 MARIA b. m. age d. age
410;9-1( ) 818 CATHARINA GEIGER b.31 Aug 1645 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m. 9 Nov 1669 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 24 d.26 Feb 1720 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 74	205;9-2( ) 817 JAKOB LOHRER b.14 May 1647 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 22 d.11 Jan 1707 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 59

433;11-3( ) 3459 b. age d. age	1731;11-1( ) 3460 b. m. age d. age
433;10-2( ) 1729 HANS RAPP b. age d. age	866;10-1( ) 1730 ANNA b. m. age d. age
433;9-1( ) 864 MARIA RAPP b. 8 Feb 1648 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m.25 Nov 1685 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 37 d.23 Jun 1700 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 52	14;9-6( ) 863 GEORG STORZ (3) b. 1648 Erdmannsweiler age 37 d.28 May 1693 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 45

434;11-3( ) 3467 b. age d. age	1735;11-1( ) 3468 b. m. age d. age
434;10-2( ) 1733 MARTIN STAIGER b. age d. age	868;10-1( ) 1734 b. m. age d. age
434;9-1( ) 866 JULIANNA STAIGER b. 1656 Weiler m. 1675 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 19 d.19 Mar 1699 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 43	217;9-2( ) 865 MICHAEL GEIGER b.11 Aug 1650 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 25 d.12 Nov 1731 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 81

435;10-2( ) 1737 b. age d. age	870;10-1( ) 1738 b. m. age d. age
435;9-1( ) 868 MARIA NETTER b. m. age d. age	109;9-3( ) 867 JERG HAUG b. age d. age

605;12-3( ) 4835 ROBERT HUNT b. Halifax, Yorkshire, Eng. age d. age	2419;12-1( ) 4836 b. m. age d. age
605;11-2(6) 2417 WILLIAM HUNT bt.27 Jan 1605 Halifax, Yorkshire, Eng. age 25 d. Oct 1667 Concord, MA age 62	1210;11-1( ) 2418 ELIZABETH BEST (1) b. m. 1630 age d.27 Dec 1661 Concord, MA age
605;10-1(3) 1208 ELIZABETH HUNT b. 1636 m. 1 Apr 1664 Concord, MA age 28 d. 1704 age 68	76;10-4(5) 1207 JOHN BARRON b. 1638 Waterford, Ire. age 26 d. 1 Jan 1693 Groton, MA age 54

606;17-8( ) 155,007 b. age d. age	77,505;17-1( ) 155,008 b. m. age d. age
606;16-7( ) 77,503 ROBERT SMITH b. 1475 Nettlestead, Suffolk, Eng. age d. 1561 age 86	38,753;16-1( ) 77,504 b. m. age d. age

606;15-6( ) 38,751
b.
age
d.
age

19,377;15-1( ) 38,752
b.
m.
age
d.
age

606;14-5( ) 19,375
b.
age
d.
age

9689;14-1( ) 19,376
b.
m.
age
d.
age

606;13-4( ) 9687
b.
age
d.
age

4845;13-1( ) 9688
b.
m.
age
d.
age

606;12-3( ) 4843
THOMAS SMITH
b.
age
d.
age

2423;12-1( ) 4844
b.
m.
age
d.
age

606;11-2( ) 2421
JOHN SMITH
b.11 Mar 1614 Powerstock, Dorset, Eng.
age 29
d. 2 Oct 1710 Sandwich, MA
age 96

1212;11-1(3) 2422
SUSANNAH HINCKLEY
bt. 6 Nov 1625 Tenterden, Kent, Eng.
m.13 Jun 1643 Barnstable, MA
age 17
d.
age

606;10-1(5) 1210
DORCAS SMITH
bt. 18 Aug 1650 Barnstable, MA
m.16 Nov 1671 Woodbridge, NJ
age 21
d.
age

303;10-2(5) 1209
EPHRAIM ANDREWS
bt.17 Aug 1639 Hingham, MA
age 32
d. 1714 Woodbridge, NJ
age 75

608;11-2( ) 2429
b.
age
d.
age

1216;11-1( ) 2430
b.
m.
age
d.
age

608;10-1( ) 1214
MARGARET ALLEN
b.
m.
age
d.
age

304;10-2( ) 1213
JAMES CARLILE (1)
b. Scotland
age
d.
age

1210;13-3( ) 9675
b.
age
d.
age

4839;13-1( ) 9676
b.
m.
age
d.
age

1210;12-2( ) 4837
b.
age
d.
age

2420;12-1( ) 4838
b.
m.
age
d.
age

1210;11-1( ) 2418
ELIZABETH BEST (1)
b.
m. 1630
age
d.27 Dec 1661 Concord, MA
age

605;11-2(6) 2417
WILLIAM HUNT
bt.27 Jan 1605 Halifax, Yorkshire, Eng.
age 25
d. Oct 1667 Concord, MA
age 62

1212;16-6( ) 77,535
ROBERT HENKELE
b. Lenham, Kent, Eng.
age
d.
age

38,769;16-1( ) 77,536
JOHANE
b.
m.
age
d.
age

1212;15-5( ) 38,767
JOHN HYNCKLEYE
b.
age
d.
age

19,385;15-1( ) 38,768
b.
m.
age
d.
age

1212;14-4( ) 19,383
JOHN HYNCKELE
b.
age
d.25 Jun 1577 Harrietsham, Kent,
age Eng.

9693;14-1( ) 19,384
JOHANE (1)
b.
m.
age
d.23 Jan 1563/4 Harrietsham, Kent,
age Eng.

1212;13-3( ) 9691
ROBERT HINCKLEY
b. 1537*
age 37
d.27 Mar 1606 Harrietsham, Kent,
age 69 Eng.

4847;13-1( ) 9692
KATHERINE (2)
b. 1551
m.10 Feb 1574/5 Harrietsham, Kent,
age 23 Eng.
d. 1605 Harrietsham, Kent,
age 54 Eng.

1212;12-2(10) 4845
SAMUEL HINCKLEY
bt.25 May 1589 Harrietsham, Kent,
Eng.
age 28
d.31 Oct 1662 Barnstable, MA
age 73

2424;12-1( ) 4846
SARAH SOOLE (1)
b. 8 Jun 1600 Hawkhurst, Kent,
Eng.
m. 7 May 1617 Hawkhurst, Kent,
age 17 Eng.
d.18 Aug 1656
age 56

1212;11-1(3) 2422
SUSANNAH HINCKLEY
bt. 6 Nov 1625 Tenterden, Kent,
Eng.
m.13 Jun 1643 Barnstable, MA
age 17
d.
age

606;11-2( ) 2421
JOHN SMITH
b.11 Mar 1614 Powerstock, Dorset,
Eng.
age 29
d. 2 Oct 1710 Sandwich, MA
age 96

2424;17-6( ) 155,103
JOHN SOLE
b. Cranbrook, Kent, Eng.
age
d. 1508*
age

77,553;17-1( ) 155,104
AGNES
b.
m.
age
d.
age

2424;16-5( ) 77,551
b.
age
d.
age

38,777;16-1( ) 77,552
b.
m.
age
d.
age

2424;15-4( ) 38,775
b.
age
d.
age

19,389;15-1( ) 38,776
b.
m.
age
d.
age

2424;14-3( ) 19,387
JOHN SOOLE
b.
age
d.
age

9695;14-1( ) 19,388
MARIA WHITFIELD
b.
m.21 Jun 1565/6 Hawkhurst, Kent, Eng.
age
d.
age

2424;13-2( ) 9693
THOMAS SOOLE
b.
age
d.
age

4848;13-1( ) 9694
MARY IDDENDEN
b.
m.16 Oct 1598 Hawkhurst, Kent, Eng.
age
d.
age

2424;12-1( ) 4846
SARAH SOOLE (1)
bt. 8 Jun 1600 Hawkhurst, Kent, Eng.
m. 7 May 1617 Hawkhurst, Kent, Eng.
age 17
d.18 Aug 1656
age 56

1212;12-2(10) 4845
SAMUEL HINCKLEY
bt.25 May 1589 Harrietsham, Kent, Eng.
age 28
d.31 Oct 1662 Barnstable, MA
age 73

4848;15-3( ) 38,779 b. age d. age	19,391;15-1( ) 38,780 b. m. age d. age
4848;14-2( ) 19,389 JOHN IDDENDEN b. Cranbrook, Kent, Eng. age d. 1587/8 age	9696;14-1( ) 19,390 CHRISTIAN MERCER b. m.26 Sep 1569 Hawkhurst, Kent, Eng. age d. age
4848;13-1( ) 9694 MARY IDDENDEN b. m.16 Oct 1598 Hawkhurst, Kent, Eng. age d. age	2424;13-2( ) 9693 THOMAS SOOLE b. age d. age

9695;15-2( ) 38,777 b. age d. age	19,390;15-1( ) 38,778 b. m. age d. age
9695;14-1( ) 19,388 MARIA WHITFIELD b. m.21 Jun 1565/6 Hawkhurst, Kent, Eng. age d. age	2424;14-3( ) 19,387 JOHN SOOLE b. age d. age

9696;15-2( ) 38,781

b.

age

d.

age

19,392:15-1( ) 38,782

b.

m.

age

d.

age

9696;14-1( ) 19,390

CHRISTIAN MERCER

b.

m.26 Sep 1569 Hawkhurst, Kent, Eng.

age

d.

age

4848;14-2( ) 19,389

JOHN IDDENDEN

b. Cranbrook, Kent, Eng.

age

d. 1587/8

age

BARRON AND RELATED LINEAGES PRECEDING 1600

According to Burke's Peerage, Leinster, page 1485:

> "MAURICE FITZGERALD (76;25-19(3)) is the ancestor of the FITZGERALDS, Barons of Burnchurch (Kiltrany), County Kilkenny."

It is further stated in American Family Antiquity, Albert Wells, Society Library, New York, 1880 that:

> "The BARRONS are descended from the Palatine Barons of Burnchurch, County of Waterford, Ireland and were a branch of the House of Offaley. The patronymic of the family was FITZGERALD. The last branch of the FITZGERALDs who were Barons of Burnchurch retained for several years a station of rank and influence in Kilkenny. When they became involved in the trouble which marked the early part of the 17th century they were forced to abandon their native shire and settle in the bordering County of Waterford. To escape the rancor of persecution and elude its vigilance, they assumed the cognomen of BARRON instead of their patronymic, FITZGERALD."

In recognition of this evidence that ELLIS BARRON (76;11-5( )) is a direct descendant of MAURICE FITZGERALD (76;25-19(3)) the FITZGERALD and other related pedigrees are included in this genealogy. However, until the unknown 13 generations estimated to exist between ELLIS BARRON and MAURICE FITZGERALD can be identified, this and the related pedigrees are grouped separately from those preceding and are excluded from the family history section.

Our family lineage beginning with MAURICE FITZMAURICE (76;24-18(4)) and with family numbers 19,791,873 and higher, is developed from various publications by historians on evidence derived from ancient documents such as the "Annales Cambriae", "Brut Y Tywysogion" and records by Caradog of Llancarvon.

Although the validity of the pedigrees is strengthened by the importance the families gave to their lineage for reasons of status, it is probably impossible to separate fact from legend or conjecture. Some of the entries are undoubtedly true; some exciting in contemplation climaxed by the reference to ANNA, (87,045,574,699,476,058,113;67-1( )) in the "Annales Cambriae" as a cousin to the Virgin Mary.

76; 32-26( ) RAINERIO b. 910* Florence, Italy	
31-25( ) RAMBUTO b. 950* Florence, Italy	
30-24( ) RAINERIO b. 990* Florence, Italy	
29-23( ) GHERADO b. 1020* Florence, Italy	
28-22( ) OTHO Went to Ireland from Normandy	
27-21( ) WALTER FITZOTHO Named in Domesday Book in 1086 Constable of Windsor Castle Keeper of Forest of Berkshire	79,167,489;27-1( ) GWLADUS Princess of North Wales
26-20(2) GERALD FITZWALTER (2) Constable of Pembroke Castle Commander of force to reduce RHYS, Prince of South Wales, father of NESTA, to submission.	39,583,745;26-1( ) NESTA Princess of South Wales Mistress of Henry I, King of Eng. Two children: Robert of Gloucester Meyler FitzHenry m. Stephen, Constable of Cardigan One child: Robert FitzStephen m. GERALD Four children
25-19(3) MAURICE FITZGERALD d. 1 Sep 1177 Grey Friary, Wexford, Ire. Led second band of Anglo-Norman invadors to Ireland.	19,791,873;25-1( ) ALICE de MONTGOMERY
24-18(4) MAURICE FITZMAURICE Referred to as founder of the Burnchurch family.	

The lineage between 24-18(4) and 11-5( ) has not been determined.

19,791,873;	
29-5( ) ROGER de MONTGOMERY Count of Normandy	
28-4( ) ROGER de MONTGOMERY	
27-3( ) ROGER de MONTGOMERY d.27 Jul 1094 Commanded center of Norman Army at Battle of Hastings in 1066 Earl of Arundel 1069	79,167,491;27-1( ) MABEL de BELESME (1) m. 1048 d. Dec 1082 murdered Adeliza de Puiset (2)
26-2( ) ARNULPH de MONTGOMERY Exiled by Henry I to Ireland	
25-1( ) ALICE de MONTGOMERY	76;25-19(3) MAURICE FITZGERALD d. 1 Sep 1177 Grey Friary, Wexford, Ire.

39,583,745;	
36-11( ) GWRIAD	40,533,754,369;36-1( ) NEST Sister of King of Powys
35-10( ) MERFYN FRYCH d. 844 Killed in Battle at Cettell between Welsh and Mercians	20,266,877,185;35-1( ) ESYLLHT (ETTHIL) (ETHIL) daughter of CONAN TINDAETHWY, King of the Brytains.
34-9( ) RHODRI MAWR (The Great) d. 878 Slain by Saxons	10,133,438,593;34-1( ) ANGHARAD Sister of King of Ceredigion and Vale of Towi
33-8( ) CADELL King of Deheubarth d. 909	
32-7( ) HYWEL DDA (The Good) d. 950 King of Deheubarth	2,533,359,649;32-1( ) ELEN Princess of Dyfed
31-6( ) OWAIN King of Deheubarth d. 988	
30-5( ) EINION d. 984	
29-4( ) CADELL	
28-3( ) TEWDWR MAWR	
27-2( ) RHYS Prince of South Wales d. 1093 Killed by Normans near borders of Brecknockshire.	79,167,490;27-1( ) GWLADUS
26-1( ) NESTA Princess of South Wales	76;26-20(2) GERALD FITZWALTER (2)

79,167,489
(million)

79,167,489;
29-3( ) GWYN
28-2( ) RHYWALLON Prince of North Wales
27-1( ) GWLADUS Princess of North Wales

	76;27-21( ) WALTER FITZOTHO

79,167,490
(million)

79,167,490;
28-2( )
27-1( ) GWLADUS

39,583,745;27-2( ) RHYS d. 1093

79,167,491
(million)

79,167,491;
28-2( ) WILLIAM II Count of Belesme d. Dec 1082 murdered
27-1( ) MABEL de BELESME (1) m. 1048 d. Dec 1082 murdered

19,791,873;27-3( ) ROGER de MONTGOMERY d.27 Jul 1094

2,533,359,649
(billion)

2,533,359,649;
34-3( ) HIMEYT King of Dyfed
33-2( ) LOUMARC King of Dyfed
32-1( ) ELEN

39,583,745;32-7( ) HYWEL DDA d. 950

10,133,438,593
(billion)

10,133,438,593; 36-3( ) DYFNWALLON	
35-2( ) MEURIG King of Ceredigion	
34-1( ) ANGHARAD	39,583,745;34-9( ) RHODRI MAWR d. 878

20,266,877,185
(billion)

20,266,877,185; 67-33( )	87,045,574,699,476,058,113;67-1( ) ANNA cousin of Virgin Mary
66-32( ) BELI	
65-31( ) AMELECH	
64-30( ) ABALLAC	
63-29( ) EUGEIN	
62-28( ) BRITHGUEIN	
61-27( ) DUBUN	
60-26( ) OUMON	
59-25( ) ANQUERIT	
58-24( ) AMGUOLOYT	

20,266,877,185
(billion)

20,266,877,185; 57-23( ) GURDUMN	
56-22( ) DUMN	
55-21( ) GUORDOLI	
54-20( ) DOLI	
53-19( ) GUORCEIN	
52-18( ) CEIN	
51-17( ) TACIT	
50-16( ) PATERN PEFRUT (PADERN PESRUDD)	
49-15( ) AETURN (AETURNUS)	
48-14( ) CUNEDDA	166,026,257,895,425;48-1( ) ab COEL HEN
47-13( ) ENIAUN GIRT	
46-12( ) CATGOLAUN IAUHIR (CADWALLON LAWHIR)	
45-11( ) MAELGWN GWYNEDD (MAGLOCUNUS) (MAILCUM) d. 547	
44-10( ) RHUN (RUN)	

20,266,877,185;	
43-9( ) BELI d. 599	
42-8( ) JACOB (IAGO) d. 613	
41-7( ) CADFAN (CATMAN)	
40-6( ) CADWALLON (CATGOLLAUN) d. 634	
39-5( ) CADWALADR FENDIGAID (CATGUALART) d. 664	
38-4( ) EDWAL YWRCH (IUTGUAL) (IDWAL IWRCH)	
37-3( ) RHODRI MOLWYNOG (ROTRI) d. 754	
36-2( ) CONAN TINDAETHWY (KYNAN) (CYNAN) (CINNAN) King of the Brytains	
35-1( ) ESYLLHT (ETTHIL) (ETHIL)	39,583,745;35-10( ) MERFYN FRYCH d. 844

40,533,754,369
(billion)

40,533,754,369; 38-3( ) RHODRI	
37-2( ) CADELL d. 808	
36-1( ) NEST Sister of King of Powys	39,583,745;36-11( ) GWRIAD

166,026,257,895,425
(trillion)

166,026,257,895,425; 61-14( ) EUDELEN	
60-13( ) EUDOF	
59-12( ) EBIUD	
58-11( ) OU - TIGIR	
57-10( ) OUDE - CANT	
56-9( ) RITI - GIRU	
55-8( ) IUME - TEL	
54-7( ) GRAT	
53-6( ) VRB - AN	
52-5( ) TELPU - IL	

166,026,257,895,425
(trillion)

166,026,257,895,425; 51-4( ) TEUMA - NT	
50-3( ) GUOTEPAUC	
49-2( ) COEL HEN	
48-1( ) ab COEL HEN	20,266,877,185;48-14( ) CUNEDDA

87,045,574,699,476,058,113
(quintillion)

87,045,574,699,476,058,113; 68-2( ) Emporer of Rome	
67-1( ) ANNA cousin of Virgin Mary	20,266,877,185;67-33( )

FAMILY HISTORIES AND GENEALOGY

1;6-6( ) 63 b. age d. age	33;6-1( ) 64 b. m. age d. age
1;5-5( ) 31 JEDEDIAH MAYNARD b. 7 Aug 1777 age 24 d.24 May 1828 age 50	17;5-1( ) 32 LYDIA FRANKLIN b.24 Oct 1777 m.27 Feb 1802 age 24 d. 8 Feb 1861 New York City, NY age 83

(MAYNARD rhymes with BARNYARD)

17;5-1( ) 32
LYDIA FRANKLIN
b.24 Oct 1777

m.27 Feb 1802
age 24
d. 8 Feb 1861 New York City, NY
age 83

JEDEDIAH MAYNARD 1;5-5( ) LYDIA FRANKLIN 17;5-1( )

The source of the statistical records of JEDEDIAH and his family is the MAYNARD family Bible, dated 1784. The only personal effect we have from JEDEDIAH is his signature written in the "Book of Common Prayer" printed in 1806, on the cover of which is printed "LYDIA MAYNARD". A reference to JEDEDIAH and LYDIA is found in "Longworth's New York Directory, 1835-36:

"LYDIA MAYNARD, widow of JEDEDIAH, 7 Jefferson"

Jefferson Street is two blocks north of Manhattan Bridge in lower Manhattan.

The first personal reference to LYDIA is in the letter from ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD written from Atlanta, GA, on 30 January 1861, to JOHN JACOB MESSERVE, his brother-in-law: 1 2

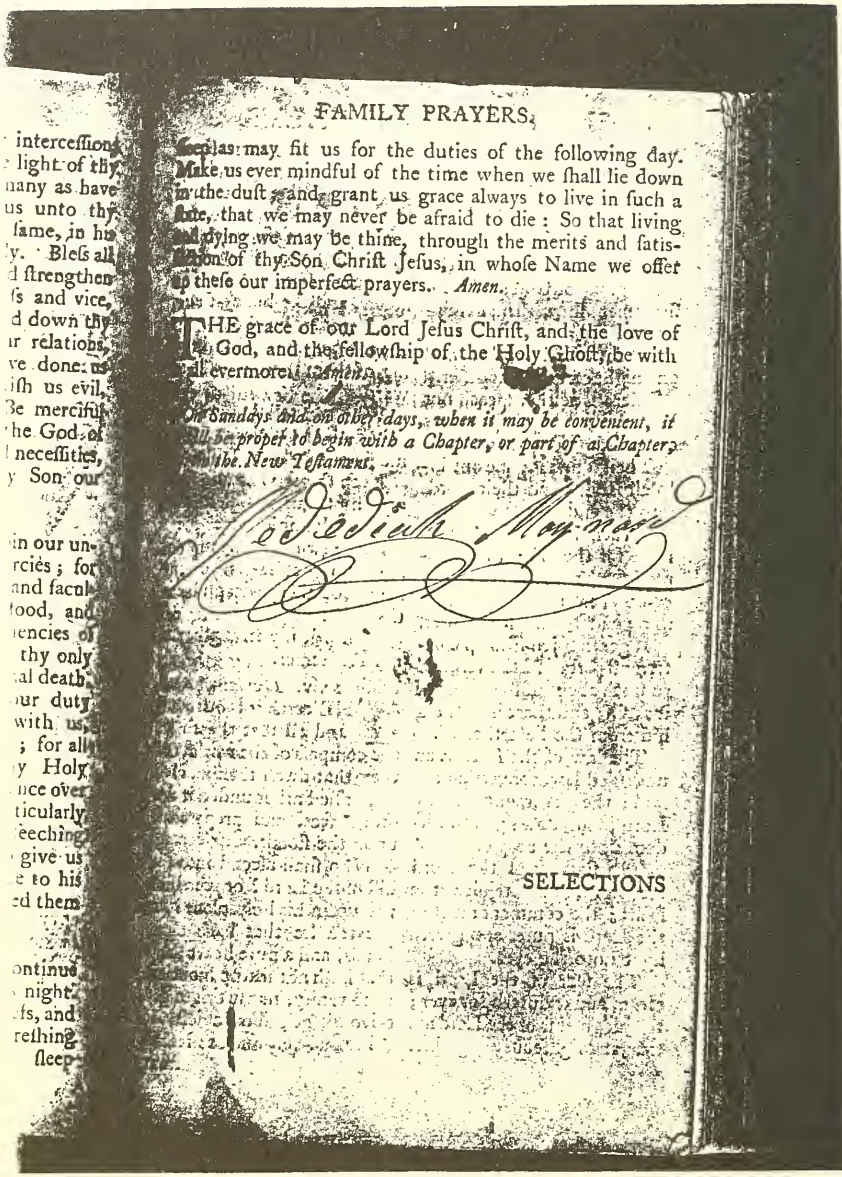
"I received that hymn book sometime ago and acknowledged the receipt at the time tell Mother when you see her that I am much obliged for the Prayer Book I should like to know what Reuben Rogers is doing and how he is getting along tell her I will write to her shortly tho I dont know how long the mails will continue to go back and forth" 3

Since JOHN is working in New York City and is living in Hoboken, NJ, ROBERT's request of him to visit his mother is evidence that she was living in or near the City. ROBERT's next letter to JOHN, dated 17 February 1861, implies that she was living there with her daughter and son-in-law, Maria and Reuben Rogers: 2 1 4,3

"I received yours of the 10th giving me the account of my Mother's death it came suddenly but not altogether unexpected as AMANDA and myself have often talked it over that we should never hear of her being sick until we heard of her death it took us by surprise nevertheless as it was only the day before that I received your letter stating that you had called to see her and found her so smart it is better that it should be so she was saved a great deal of suffering tho there is no telling what might have been comprised in the few minutes that she was concious. had she been sick for any length of time she (would) have suffered as Maria with all the care of her family could not pay her the attention she should have she lived a long life and saw a great deal of trouble but she has gone to her reward her troubles are at an end tho we may sorrow for her it is not as those without hope we know whom she served one who will never desert those that serve him I feel deeply indebted to you for your attention in going to see her and in the various other things you have done crossing the river and going about during the severe cold weather" 5 4

The final reference was added to the same letter by AMANDA: 5

"if you should go over near Maria Mrs Rogers in the course of ten days I wish you would go there and say to here that when Mother was a live she said she would like for me to have her spectales I should like to have them for a keepsake and anything else She is dispose to give me" 4



FAMILY PRAYERS.

Eccleſias: may fit us for the duties of the following day. Make us ever mindful of the time when we ſhall lie down in the duſt, and grant us grace always to live in ſuch a ſtate, that we may never be afraid to die: So that living and dying we may be thine, through the merits and ſatisfaction of thy Son Chriſt Jeſus, in whoſe Name we offer up theſe our imperfect prayers. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

On Sundays and on other days, when it may be convenient, it will be proper to begin with a Chapter, or part of a Chapter, in the New Teſtament.

SELECTIONS

1	ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;4-4(9)	son
2	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	son's wife's bro.
3	Reuben Rogers	H1;5-5( ),4(10)	son-in-law
4	Maria Gifford Maynard	1;5-5( ),4(10)	daughter
5	AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	5 & 9;4-1(3)	daughter-in-law

1;5-5( ) 31 JEDEDIAH MAYNARD b. 7 Aug 1777 age 24 d.24 May 1828 age 50	17;5-1( ) 32 LYDIA FRANKLIN b.24 Oct 1777 m.27 Feb 1802 age 24 d. 8 Feb 1861 New York City, NY age 83
4(1) Henry L. Maynard b. 7 Aug 1803 age 22 d. 9 Aug 1832 age 29	Jane M. Mackey b. Dec 1809 m.22 Feb 1826 age 16 d. 9 Aug 1832 age 22
4(2) John Bowden Maynard b.10 Dec 1804 age d. age	b. m. age d. age
4(3) Susannah Maynard b.22 Feb 1806 m.22 Apr 1828 age 22 d. age	Joel T. Davis b. age d. age
4(4) George Franklin Maynard b. 5 Dec 1807 age d. age	b. m. age d. age
4(5) Maria Gifford Maynard b.22 Mar 1809 d. 6 Aug 1815 age 6	X

4(6) Hiram Franklin Maynard b. 2 May 1811 age d. age	b. m. age d. age
4(7) William Dean Maynard b.24 Oct 1812 d.28 Sep 1826 age 13	X
4(8) James White Maynard b.11 May 1815 age d. age	b. m. age d. age
1;4-4(9) 15 ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD b.30 May 1817 New York City, NY age 26 age 34 d. 5 Jan 1888 Oakland Cem., age 70 Atlanta, GA	Lucinda Elliot (1) b. 7 Jul 1824 Bledsoe County, TN m.20 Jun 1843 Dahlonega, GA age 18 d. 1 Aug 1849 age 25 9;4-1(3) 16 AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE (2) b.10 Aug 1818 Savannah, GA m.30 Dec 1851 Hoboken, NJ age 33 d.11 Nov 1899 Oakland Cem., age 81 Atlanta, GA
4(10) Maria Gifford Maynard b.28 May 1821 m. Jun 1845 New York City, NY age 24 d. age	Reuben P. Rodgers b. age d. age

John Bowden Maynard 1;5-5( ),4(2)

Except for the record of his birth found in the family Bible, the the only information found pertinent to John was the notation "went to Boston" by JULIA PUTNAM MAYNARD next to his name on a copy of family lists from the Bible. 1

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1 JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE 5;3-1(6) niece

1;4-4(9)	15
ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD	
b.30 May 1817 New York City, NY	
age 34	
d. 5 Jan 1888 Oakland Cem.	
age 70 Atlanta, GA	

9;4-1(4)	16
AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	
b.10 Aug 1818 Savannah, GA	
m.30 Dec 1851 Hoboken, NJ	
age 33	
d.11 Nov 1899 Oakland Cem.	
age 81 Atlanta, GA	

This is to Certify

That Robert J. Maynard of Athens in the State of Georgia and Amanda M. Lefeuvre of Hoboken in the State of New Jersey were By me Joined together in

HOLY MATRIMONY

on the Thirtieth day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty One

In Presence of

John Wesley Cherry.
John J. Milsdorf
William J. Cremer

M. E. Ellison
Minister of the Gospel in
Hoboken N.J. 1851

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ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD 1;4-4(9) Lucinda Elliot (1)

AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE 5 & 9;4-1(3)

Until ROBERT and AMANDA were married in Hoboken, NJ on 30 December 1851, only the barest of details are known of their lives. ROBERT was born on 30 May 1817 in New York City, NY, according to the inscription on his gravestone. The earliest we can associate him with the State of Georgia is by the record of his marriage to his first wife, Lucinda, on 20 June 1843, in Dahlonega, GA, a village about 70 miles north of Atlanta. The birth of three daughters, Mary Tallulah on 5 April 1844 in Athens, Lydia Franklin on 24 October 1845 in Marietta, and Elizabeth Lucinda on 19 February 1848 back in Athens, plus the reference on his wedding certificate for his marriage to AMANDA as ROBERT of Athens, all in Georgia, indicate that he was a resident of that State at least from 1843. AMANDA was born in Savannah, GA, on 10 August 1818 but it is known that she was living in Hoboken, NJ, with her mother, DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER, as early as April, 1850, just a few months after the death of Lucinda on 1 August 1849. It seems likely that ROBERT and AMANDA were acquainted with each other earlier in Georgia. 1,2 3 4

After their wedding, AMANDA and ROBERT remained in Hoboken into July, 1852 as is indicated by two letters from AMANDA's mother to AMANDA's brother and his wife, JOHN JACOB MESSERVE and JULIA CLELAND, dated 8 and 17 July saying respectively: 4 5,6

"AMANDA love to you both" and "AMANDA and Ann love to you both" 7

They probably started on their return to Georgia in August, 1852. JULIA CLELAND, visiting her sister, Mary, in Madison, CT, wrote to her husband, JOHN, on 2 September 1852: 6,10 5

"and hope too you will have heard from AMANDA before you come up"

which was followed by an answer from JOHN saying: 5

"News from AMANDA - arrived home safe."

There is no evidence that ROBERT's three daughters by Lucinda accompanied him to Hoboken during his long absence from Georgia. He mentions them for the first time in his letter from Athens, GA, to JOHN and JULIA written on 25 and 26 December 1852: 1,2,3 5,6

"The children are all with me. AMANDA sits by me with Julia Barron in her lap. AMANDA calls her Miss Temper going as she is she likes to have her own way 8

AMANDA is gaining strength the children are all well and when they have a mind to can be as good a set as can be found anywhere and sometimes when they take a notion they can raise ned.

Christmas is here but it is a very dull one in fact no one here keeps Christmas except the little boys and the negroes the latter have a week's holiday and they manage to enjoy them-

selves our woman quit paying any attention to things about the house so that we have all things to attend to ourselves you should have seen me helping to cook yesterday."

In part of the same letter addressed specifically to JOHN, ROBERT reveals to us for the first time his continuing restless search for a better place for his bookbinding "buisness" than where he is whether he initiates it or has it thrust upon him. 5

"I will sell the whole establishment the goodwill included for one thousand dollars that is the tools the stock of course would be extra according to value the work on hand should be paid as far as advanced the tools have cost me over eight hundred dollars and they could not be bought for that to start another establishment I shall remain here at present I would prefer going to Atlanta as I like the buisness better there than here."

ROBERT did not go to Atlanta. It appears that he succumbed to family pressure to move north. Abraham C. Messerve, writing from San Francisco, CA to his brother, JOHN, said: 9 5

"I hope MAYNARD will succeed in Selling out and Settle in or about New York. As to AMANDA I am glad to hear of her good health"

Abraham's hopes were not in vain. JOHN wrote from Hoboken, NJ to JULIA, again visiting her sister, Mary, in Madison, CT on 3 July 1853: 9,5 6,10

"I call in & saw ROBERT when I received your letter & informed him of your safe arrival."

The return of the MAYNARD family to Hoboken eliminated the need for written communication so news is scarce during this period. A tantalizing question was asked by JOHN writing from Troy, NY to JULIA on 9 November 1853, while on a business trip, because we do not have the answer: 5 6

"How does ROBERT like the prospect of Mr. Buchanan Election and the 40th Street Robert, too?" 11

The record of the birth of the first son of ROBERT and AMANDA, ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD, on 18 October 1854 in New York, NY, is all we learn of them until ROBERT wrote to JOHN from Hoboken a bit of trivia but it at least tells us where they are: 12 5

"every thing is jogging along in Hoboken as usual I am getting the shed up by degrees Thursday morning the two Miss Cogswells (Coggeshall) called to see about some plants that JULIA had promised them AMANDA took them over into the garden About one O'clock Ann came here AMANDA and Ann went into the garden to see about Ann's plants" 6 7

The only news of ROBERT's business activities was a complaint to JOHN written from Hoboken on 6 April 1858 that he was having a 6

hard time collecting money owed him and a further indication of unfavorable business conditions:

"I got to work again yesterday and will likely continue on tho we are still on short time"

Except for two short references, the first from DEBORAH, AMANDA's mother who, writing on 30 May 1858 from Hoboken to JULIA CLELAND said: 4 6

"AMANDA and her Famly are well"

and the second from JOHN who, writing from Syracuse, NY while on a business trip, to JULIA on 13 November 1858 added: 5 6

"Remember me to AMANDA and R."

we have no further news of the MAYNARD family until the short reference in DEBORAH's letter of 9 April 1860 written from Bedford Hill Country, (Westchester County), NY to JULIA: 4 6

"I have only been out as far as the woodyard since AMANDA left"

Apparently, ROBERT's business did not prosper for he made the fateful decision to follow his old dream of moving to Atlanta early in 1860. (He confirmed this date in a letter he wrote to JOHN from Atlanta on December 11, 1872) The following letters written during the Civil War Period tell their own story and are all copied in their entirety: 5

"Atlanta Ga Jan 30th 1861

Dear Brother 5

I have been intending to write for some time but I have had so many things to attend to that it seemed as tho I never should get time to write to anyone but I have made a desperat effort tonight and may suceed AMANDA has written the principle part of the news. I thank you for the papers as it does me good to get the New York papers occasionally I sent you a paper a few days since enclosing a map of a portion of Atlanta showing the location of our establishment and the house we are living in I also put into it the prayers that are to be used instead of the prayers for the President and Congress as we are no longer under either I am no longer a citizen of the United States but of the independent State of Georgia with a good prospect of the United Republics of the South as there is now Six States seceded and by the fourth of March there will probably be six more and the others ready to follow suit so Mr Lincoln should he have the good luck to be inaugerated will only be over the fragments of our once glorious country but we — must make the best of it I think myself well off that I am here and wish that you was here too but I cannot offer you any inducemente at present the only ones that have any showing here now is skilful mechanics and men of large capital good Book printers are in demand and there is a good opening for a Stereotyper as there is a Book of 1200 Pages Royal 8% to be printed and Ster-

eotyped here I know two persons that will put in two thirds of the capital if they can get a competent man to go into it there is a chance for a good workman with a small capital to make a fortune if you know or hear of such a man let me know and I will give all the information necessary of course we want a man that will have sense enough to mind his own buisness and not meddle with things that dont concern him my buisness is rather dull at present but it will be better as soon as the printers get a little ahead I have enough to keep me a going and something part of the time for the Girls which is a good deal better than I should have had in New York if money was a little more plenty I should like it better but it is all good when it does come I received that hymn book sometime ago and acknowledged the receipt at the time tell Mother when you see 13
her that I am much obliged for the Prayer Book I should like to know what Reuben Rogers is doing and how he is getting along 14
tell her I will write to her shortly tho I dont know how long 13
the mails will continue to go back and forth I am in hopes that time will bring all thing right. I wish if you should be in the neigbourhood of Spring St and Sullivan sometime you would call on Mr Rogers the one that makes the Magnesia he said he would make me a handsome present if I would introduce it her which I have done I induced a druggist to take an agency for it and gave away nearly all I had to make people acquainted with it and recommended it to every body so that Dr Young supplies it to all the drug stores in the city and now I should like to have the present Remember me to all I shall write to Mar soon 4

Your Affectionet Brother
R.J.Maynard"

"Atlanta, Ga. Feb 17th 1861

Dear Brother 5

I received yours of the 10th giving me the account of my Mother's 13
death it came suddenly but not altogether unexpected as AMANDA and myself have often talked it over that we should never hear of her being sick until we heard of her death it took us by surprise nevertheless as it was only the day before that I received your letter stating that you had called to see her and found her so smart it is better that it should be so she was saved a great deal of suffering tho there is no telling what might have been comprised in the few minutes that she was concious. had she been sick for any length of time she (would) have suffered as Maria with all the care of her family could 16
not pay her the attention she should have she lived a long life and saw a great deal of trouble but she has gone to her reward her troubles are at an end tho we may sorrow for her it is not as those without hope we know whom she served one who will never desert those that serve him I feel deeply indebted to you for your attention in going to see her and in the various other things that you have done crossing the river and going about during the severe cold weather I am in hopes that I shall be able someday to repay you for all the trouble you have taken for me. I received that Box of Citrate of Magnesia and am much obliged for it AMANDA wrote yesterday to Mar giving all the family news while you were having such severe cold 4

weather with us it was very mild and more like may than february it has been so for about two weeks today it has been rather cold with a west wind and rather cloudy last night we had a snow squall last night the first we have had this winter altogether it has been a very mild winter I seldom need an overcoat through the day while from all accounts you have had a pretty severe winter business is pretty much the same we have a great deal to do but find it hard to collect money everything is so unsettled yet tho I am in hopes that it will be before long our President elect passed through here yesterday he had a grand reception tomorrow the inaugeration takes place I think the die is cast the seceded states will never reunite with the northern states and all the other southern States will come into the new confederacy the strongest union men before the Election of Lincoln are now the strongest advocates of a permament seperation of the states there is in fact no one that I come in contact with that favors a reunion with the States of the north this as far as the Northern States are concerned is a foreign country if you should at any time come out here you would have to take no oath of allegiance unless you wished to become a citizen of the state then it would require twelve months residence and an oath of allegiance same as anyone that gets naturalized in the United State You Northeners had better make up your minds to take the best of it for the sooner the thing is settled the better it will be for both sections and as for the talk of coercion that is perfect nonsense in the first place at the north there is two parties on that question and one will have to overcome the other befor that can be done in the second place the South is a unit to resist not only in the States that have seceded but also in those that have not if a settlement is come to the southern states will assume their portion of the Public Debt and take their portion of the public property and the North would enjoy the trade again but if the trade is once turned into another channel you will never get it back again I must acknowledge my views are changed to what they were three months ago and so would be yours if you took a view from a different standpoint to were you are of course things vary with the different points of view you see it from one point I see it from another but I have this advantage I have seen it from your point of view but you have not seen it from mine I sent several papers to you and a pamphlet to Aunt Mary to Mar's Care we are all well at present in fact the health of the whole family has been better this winter than for a long time I have not lost a day from sickness since I have been here and AMANDA's health is better than she has had it in a long time and if nothing happens she will be as big as mar as she weigh 105 lbs and still increasing give our love to all the family and remember us to all enquiring friends 17,4 4

Your affectionate Brother
R J Maynard

Dear Brother

as there is room for a few lines I will add them to ROBERT's letter if you should go over near Maria Mrs Rogers in the course of ten days I wish you would go there and say to here that when Mother was a live she said she would like for me to 16 13

have her spectales I should like to have them for a keepsake and anything else She is dispose to give me ROBERT will write in a few days to her if you should get them let me know you need not send them on now there may be some body going go that we know if so thay will call on you I get what ever there was Mar said in her letter that I said nothing about confirmation 4
I wrote about in the letter you did not get there was six persons with Mary and myself if you should see Mr Roberts he can 1,18
tell you more about it then I can write about it now as ROBERT wrote to him soon after and with me I have so much to think of that gone with the rest I must close as it is time to go to bed and the rest have gone and ROBERT naping it let us hear from you in good time no more

from your only sister A M Me

By the time the letters of 30 January and 17 February were written, seven States, South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas, had seceded. On 18 February 1861, Jefferson Davis was inaugurated as President of the Confederate States of America, in Montgomery, Alabama.

"Atlanta April 7'' 1861

Dear Mother 4

your long look for letter came to hand on Monday I was very glad to have a letter from you once more it seem a very long time since I had one from you I am sorry that you have had such a severe cold for I know how it affect you and it being in March made it so much worse as you feel or March is so trying to you how I wish you could have been here I hope if you live to see another March you will be here we know nothing about cold weather compare with the weather you have I have felt it more this winter because I could not have my house furnish but if we live to see another winter we will have things comfortable if we could have got here a year sooner it would have been better for us but I will not murmur it is all right as it is we have got thru the winter we have all been well we may say all but ROBERT he has another one of his ill spell on him so he is not as well as usual he is so as to attend to his buisness he has been better this winter then I have known him that since New years I have been much try because we could not get the money that was due us and our income has or is not more then half that it would have been if Lincvin had not been Elected for buisness would not been stop but I must be thankfull that it is as it is we are all here and are all well and it soon will be that we will have as much to do as we can do Money will be mor plenty if ROBERT could have got the Money that is due him we should have sent that to you or a part of it
JOHN writes that he thought he would make us a visit I should 5
be very glad to see him if he will take pot luck for that is all we can give our friends this year he does not say anything about your coming with him I am afraid if you dont come with him you will not get here very soon and if you should come you would like it so you would not care about going back again I should not cry if you did not I do think if JOHN would go in

to buisness here he would make Money here and know he would like it better here after he was here awile ROBERT will write to him you say you think of Moving that you think of having Gramma with you if that is to be you cannot come here while she lives where do you think of Moving to write and let me know more about it in your next today is Sunday not the pleasantes day that ever was in april ROBERT and I went to church this morning he and the children are all gone to Sunday School this evening and I have stay home to write to you I have been to church all thru lent have got to be quite a churchman I often think when we three meet again if JOHN should come and make us a visit and you should come with him why it would be soon I must see how providence order it I feel thankfull for the past and will trust for the future for we know not what is best for us but if we will try and do what is right not please our selves all things will come right and we will have a peace of mind and a hope of the future I wrote you on the 24 of March I suppose you have got it about the time we got yours I should write oftener but there is so little news that would be news to you if you was here I could talk to you for I always find some thing to talk about as you know I am a great talker and I would not give much for one that cannot talk so much that I must lay down my pen as it is church time I take up my pen to finish my letter ROBERT has written to JOHN so I shall close my part Soon we are glad to hear from all the Hoboken friends and Gramma give our love to her and all that ask after us Julia B is much please to hear from Magie She will write soon you must kiss Edgar B for me I am so out of the baby line that I forget all about them I am afraid I shall make a cross Grammother for I do not think of babys as I use to write as soon as you get this and let me know when JOHN think of coming and all the news as the weather gets pleasant you must go out and walk then you will get better in good spirit then you will soon be ready to come and see me and have one long chat no more from your daughter

A M Maynard

Atlanta Apl 7th 1861

Dear Brother

I received yours of the 27th Inst we were glad to hear from you as we had not heard for a long time. I am sorry to hear that the prospect of buisness is so bad in New York but it is nothing more than could be expected under the circumstances buisness here is slowly improving and there is a good prospect ahead the only drawback is the uncertainty of what the Government at Washington intends to do if they will be content to let us alone all will be well but if they attempt to use force in twelve months there will be no gevernment at Washington as the whole of the Southern States will join the Southern Confederacy. I will make a strong effort to get that money to send you I told the General yesterday that he must raise it for me and he said he was in hopes that he should get it this week if he does I will send it I am much obliged to you for getting me the Bible keep it until I send word how to send it I wish if you could you would call at the Episcopal Sunday School Union

in Broadway No 762 and Get them to send me their latest catalogue also call at the Evangelical Knowledge Society No 11 Bible House Aston place to get some Books for the sunday School You can tell them how to direct them I should be very much pleased to see you out here You might possibly get into some buisness Macpherson's Partner would sell out as he has other buisness to attend to and you could go into buisness here without any fear of being molested by your old friends. the Odd Fellows are to have a grand time here on the 26th Apl I should like you to be here if you come out here it would be advisable to get reinstated in the Lodge as it would be of great advantage to you as AMANDA has written to mar giving all the Items 4
of news it is not worth while for me to repeat it

Your Affectionate Brother

R.J.Maynard"

Just five days after the letter of 7 April was written, the bombardment of Fort Sumter, SC began. In the four week interval between this and the following letter begun on 9 May 1861, two more States, Virginia and Arkansas, seceded.

"Atlanta Geo May 9th 1861

Dear Brother 5

I have been waiting for a letter for a long time but none has come I hope you have not been carried away by the excitement as well as all the rest I am in hopes the excitement will die out before long and the people of the north will come to their senses for from all accounts they have lost them and judgeing from the tone of Your papers we are all to be eat up without pepper or salt by some of the terrible fire eaters of New England who when this country was engaged with a foreign foe could not furnish a man to assist in defeating him but could show Blue Light to guide his fleets or pray that the stars & stripes might trail in the dust and Its defenders be "received with Bloody hands to hospitable graves" these are the men that can furnish millions of money and thousands of troops for what to enslave their Bretheren of the south as to reconstructing the Union by force that is utter folly You may fight ten years spending Millions of treasure and thousands of lives destroying the entire buisness of the country and with what result they will have to come to the same conclusion that the trouble can be settled now in two months for it will be utterly impossible to subdue the south as it is moved as one man from the Mountains to the Sea Board as for the stories about discontent in the up country of Alabama and other places so industriously circulated by the Herald and other prints of that class they are entirely false tho they may have went in very strong for the Union as long as it existed since Lincoln has attempted to coerce the states back into the Union they are moved by one impulse and as a proof North Alabama where all this discontent is said to exist has offered over ten thousand men for the service to defend the South against invasion & judging from the appear-

ance of the companies that pass through this place Your crack Regiments when they meet them if they should come to blows (which God forbid) which will never know when they are whipped but will fight on until they are destroyed by which time the 7th 8th and 71st together with all the foreign hirelings of the 9th 12th 55th 69th & 77th will be so badly used up that there will not be many left to tell the tale there was five thousand additional men called for from this state and over fifty thousand offered from this place two companies have gone and there is eight more all ready to leave at an hours notice men of all ranks and buisness what can the North expect from a people animated by such a spirit do you think it will be such an easy matter to subdue such a people as the northern papers represent then compare the Herald one week with another and he contradicts every statement he makes old Bennet is in his dotage as well as the rest but enough of this buisness is pretty good the only trouble being the want of Stock if we can get a supply of that we shall be very busy money is rather scarce write us as soon as you get this as I dont know how soon the mails will Stop Your Affectionate Brother

R J Maynard

Atlanta May 11 1861

Dear Mother and Brother 4,5

it is near four weeks since I have heard from you I have written two letters I thought you would write soon after you receive my last letter as you know how uncirtian it was about the mails in your last letter you said you was going to moved to Bergan and Gramma was going to go with you I thought you would 19
write as soon as you got settle but alas I waited till this time and no letters come are we not to hear again from you become our enemies I cannot think so I hope we will hear from once more before the crisis if not I must submit to Providence in whose hands is all nations both the just and the unjust we all have got to suffer both good and the bad for the sins of the people I do hope you keep well you must try and keep up your spirits we all keep as well usual I get very nervy sometimes then I get over that then go along very well ROBERT and the children all keep well there is no New only about the War that is to be when they get ready how awfull to think off and what is force about they say to make us come back to the union. what folly can any one make a good child of one that will not be good no we know that God himself cannot make so if we will not he can destroy us. So it is with the North thay cannot make the South come back to the Union thay may fight and fight again till we both come to what just think I must close our love to all friends if we have any no more from your only daughter

A M Me

do write if you cannot send by mail write by express let us hear from

A note on the letter stated that the letter was received on 21 May 1861.

For three years, this tragic War effectively hid from our view, the lives of the MAYNARD family. Not even a statement of concern for their welfare was found in the correspondence between their northern relatives during this period. From May, 1864, General Sherman, with three veteran armies from the West, slowly forced General Joseph E. Johnston toward Atlanta. On 3 September 1864, Sherman wired Washington, "So Atlanta is ours, and fairly won." It was through one of Sherman's orders that we hear again of the MAYNARDs.

"Cincinnati Ohio

Oct 2nd 1864

J S Messerve Esqr 5

Dear Sir,

At the request of Mr. J R MAYNARD, I write to inform you of the destination of himself and family on the publication of the Ukase of Genl Sherman requiring every white resident citizen of Atlanta to vacate their homes.

I think it was Monday two weeks ago to-morrow, that Mr & Mrs M & Children left Atlanta in Wagons for Rough & Ready - thence expecting to be transported to Macon Ga. where Mr M hopes to engage in business-

He was so unfortunate as to have the whole of the implements of his trade consumed by fire in Atlanta, about two Months ago - His health is most wretched, his old disease having returned upon him with increased violence - but he has some means in Macon & many friends & will doubtless get a long with as much comfort as one can in a Country scourged by the pitiless hand of War.

I am the Rector of the Episcopal Church in Atlanta & am here an alien from my Church & home, though always an advocate of the Union of the States.

If you have any enquiries to make of me, you can hear from me by addressing me to this City No 66 Baum Strt.

Yours truly

A.F. Freeman"

It took another six months before we hear directly from ROBERT and this, surprisingly, from Atlanta, almost two months after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

"Atlanta May 29th 1865

Dear Brother 5

I take advantage of a friend going North to send a few lines to let you know how we are jogging along the prospect here is very discourageing at present there is no buisness of anykind doing at present there is no money in circulation nearly everybody as well as myself had their available means in confederate money and as that has become worthless it has caused a

great deal of distress then the people through the country have nothing to trade on as their farms and stock was destroyed or carried off consequently there is nothing to barter for I think I shall leave here for a time and go where I can get something to do if I can raise the means to go with I dont know where I shall bring up I may get as far as New York I can get something to do there if it is only to peddle apples it will be sometime before there is anything to be done in this section there is no mails and no certainty of sending anything by the railroads in the way of freight consequently it breaks up what little buisness there might be I think I will go to Augusta and if there is nothing to do there I shall go to Savannah and if I can get anything there to do I will stop otherwise I will keep on to New York and there if I can strike some place in the interior I would rather go on than stop in the city. or if I can get a situation as porter in a wholesale store or a bank or as janitor for some public building or if I can get something to do at my trade so it is possible that we may get to New York in the course of a month AMANDA is a little unwell having taken some cold and has a slight attack of sore throat the children are well and are anticipating a trip to New York so they can see their grandma and their Uncles and 4
Aunts and cousins I want them to get to some place where they can go to School or they will forget all they ever knew I am very well in fact my general health is better than it has been for many years Mary and Lydia and Lu were in Selma Alabama 1,2,3
when we last heard from them which was about a month ago I do not know what they intend doing there is no direct communication between the two places the only way we can hear is by someone passing

we have been hoping to hear from You for sometime AMANDA is anxious about Ma if you see anyone coming this way write 4
there is no regular communication except by the Military couriers remember us to all enquiring friends and give our love to all the family

Your affectionate Brother

R. J. Maynard"

It was a surprise to hear the reference to "peddle apples" having assumed it was "invented" for the depression of 1929.

Two years later, ROBERT appears to be well settled in Norwich, CT with no hint of a longing to return to the South. He seems to have retained his enthusiasm for his way of life and his vocation and there is no apparent change in his personality in spite of the hardships he had to endure during and after the War. His first post-war letter on record is worth copying in total:

"Norwich July 11th 1867

Dear Brother 5

AMANDA wrote to you the other day I am sorry to hear that you cannot find any business if you would not mind coming to this

section there might be an opening if you was to take a trip down here and see the place and how you would like it I could explain to you what would take to long to lay out on paper the trip would be a benefit to you in point of health even if you did not make any other arrangement You thought Hartford a pleasent place I think this is far before it. it is a place were there is a large and increasing business doing and with the capital you have locked up in your farm which is eating itself up might be put to work to increase itself instead a farm without you have a surplus to sell after providing for your family is poor property write and let me know what you think of it and I will then enter into more particulars I send you a map of the city with our house marked on it. our house is No 194 Main st you will see that it is but a short distance from the steamboat landing we are all well all send their love to the family

Your Affectionate Bro
R J. Maynard

In his next letter to JOHN, ROBERT, writing from Norwich on 27 July 1867, continues his pressure on him to join him in his business. It appears that ROBERT's prime motive is to get some financial help: 5

"I received yours of the 20th inst I hope you may be successfull in your R.R. Application but if you should not what I thought might suit you is to come here and buy the Bindery the person now owning it takes no interest in it except so far as his own work is concerned the consequence is that the business has run down but with proper exertion a good buisness of customer work could be done. I came here to take charge of it with the privelege of buying it on such terms as we can agree upon during the year now if you think well of it we can take it together or you can buy it and I will remain in charge of it the same as I am now with my knowledge and experience in the business I know it can be made to pay as there is no other bindery of any account nearer than Hartford or Boston I am well aquainted with the purchasing of stock as well as with the dealers and you could soon become with all the routine part of the business and as you are a pretty good drummer you could go round among the Manufactarys and others and collect in work you can think this over there is no hurry as I have the chance of it for a year"

In the same letter, AMANDA adds her plea to her brother, JOHN, to come to Norwich. 5

"Know it is dull times now not much going if you can run a way for a few days it would do you some good if you cannot come murby you let Mageie and Eddy come just you think about I hope you health will improve" 20,21

As the year draws to a close, AMANDA, in her letter to JOHN, tells us on 1 December 1867 that the lack of money is still their big problem: 5

"we have a number of bills to Pay by the first of January some bills in Hartford amount to seventy dollars our rent to the

first of January is 110 dollors our coal and stove we was o-
blige to have comes to 34 dollors Mar want me to let her have 4
ten dollors you see how we stand - - business is very dull
here and elsewere"

She follows further on in the letter with some welcome news of her family:

"Thankgiven day was a warm day and very stormy in the afternoon
Lydias Beaux came here from Hartford the night before and spent 2
the day so we had a Thanksgiven dinner the day went of pleas-
antly and she was happy you know how that is you have been
young and went to see the girls we all get along as usual
ROBERT was home sick a half a day last week the first since we
have been here I do not feel as well today a usual I will
feel better tomorrow Julia and ROBBIE are well keep close to 8,12
School"

The closing portion of her letter gives us a rather interesting insight to AMANDA's religious beliefs:

"the Bell rings I must lay down my pen and go to church

we have just come from church heard a good sermen the text
was be sure your sin will find you out if we sin willingly and
not repent of our sins but if we come to God he will receive
us if put our trust in he will provide for us I know this for
I have tryed him I believe he will give us all that is need-
full for us. he wants us to be dependet on him like a little
child put your trust in him and he will provide for you Pray
often make your wants known to him he will prosper us in all
undertaking serve him with all the heart it may be that you
have not serve him as he would have you ask him what he would
have you do listen to his voice do all for his Glory may the
good Lord Bless you and your family is the Prayer of your
Sister"

Still in Norwich, AMANDA writes to JOHN on 2 February 1868: 5

"I expect to go to Hoboken two weeks from next Thursday If Mar 4
is well enough I want to bring her home with me if She Could
come now She could get on the Boat with little trouble you know
then the Boat gets in to New London at two oclock we could
sleep till morning then we get on the cars at 8 oclock and get
home here by nine oclock"

ROBERT adds a comment about business:

"business is generally rather dull but I have as much as I can
do the business in the Bindery has increased very much since I
have been here

Our first inkling that the MAYNARDs are restless was revealed in AMANDA's next letter to JOHN written on the 11th of February: 5

"I do not know how long we shall stay here. there has been two
men that was here to Buy the Bindery I suppose we will Stay
till June that is the time we came here"

On the 22nd of February 1868, ROBERT tries for the last time as far as we know, to convince JOHN that he should join him in the bindery in Norwich: 5

"my business is better than it was last summer when I came here there is no bindery of any account nearer than Providence Worcester and Hartford -- with right management it would pay three times what it does now -- the amount required would be about two thousand dollars if you could go into it I think would be the best thing you could do as it would give you an active business and not confine you as close as Bookkeeping or clerking -- or as hard as farm work and it would pay better."

In the same letter, AMANDA pleads with her brother to come and see the bindery and to bring her mother along. 5,4

In May, they are still in Norwich. AMANDA,writing on May 7 to JOHN, adds nothing definate about their plans: 5

"We was glad Lucinda git there all safe. 3

you say that you will Plant the Seeds I sent you if you have now put them in the Ground I would like you to make three plantens of them some now some in two weeks the some more in two weeks after that so you have longer thay would not be Ripe all at once I sent you some potato onions one thay tell me will yeild more then some others will I sent JULIA a Burners 6
for a Lamp let me know if it fit the lamp and how she likes it Those little Hats for the children -- thay was Mary choice 1

There is not any thing done yet with Mr B. ROBERT seems to think he will not make a trade with him so I do not know what he will"

Except for a statement that she was to go back to school in three weeks, the letter from Julia Barron Maynard written on 20 August 1868 to her aunt JULIA was sadly lacking in news. No letters, other than that one, have been found covering the long interval between 22 February 1868 and 3 October 1870. Sometime before October, ROBERT and his son, ROBBIE, returned to Georgia. 8 6 12

On 3 October 1870, from Savannah, GA, AMANDA wrote to her mother: 4

"We left you on Monday you know we got to New York as soon as I drop my baggage we went to get our tickets for our passage if we had not went then we could not got any State Room there were 150 passengers as it was our State Room prove quite good as it was out of the way of the crowd we started in the rain did not leave till half past four oclock we Soon got out to Sea we had supper Julia and I went the table but she left and 8
did not get there till Sunday dinner time we went to bed the first night about seven oclock the next morning I went to the table then back to my Berth I was some Sick as well as Julia B 8
about eleven oclock we went up on Deck and I Stayed about two hours then to our Berth again nearly all of the ladys was Sick on Saturday the weather was very pleasant and nearly all got out again and the day past of quite pleasantly then came Sunday that was the day all was looking for land we look and

look again at last it came and with that the Breakers came there was three that came over our decks and set things flying but nobody hurt we had plenty to eat and drink and got safe to the dock then such a crowd came to the vessel but could not get there but had to wait there was ROBERT and ROBBIE waiting 12
we saw them and they saw us but we had to wait till all the Jews about one 100 men or gentlemen and ladys and children well ROBERT get there to us then we got our Baggage and started for our house drop that then went with them to theire Boarding house to Tea Mrs Morrison and her daughter receive us very kindly as if we were old freinds thay have taken a fancy to ROBBIE the old lady ask me to give him to her thay are the 12
old Savannah folks the good kind after tea we came back to our house and stayed all night I was not well the next morning I took a Seidlitz Powder I felt better and went down to Breakfast with them after that we went to buy what we needed we got two Bedstead and Matrasses six chairs and Boston Rocking chaire .wash stand and safe all come to Sixty dollars we paid 10 ten on it we pay the rest when we are ready we then came to the Stove Store and bought a stove to use without wood or coal or gas but a licquid call Naptha when we want to cook we set the fire a going and when we are done we put it out this week we use it most to heat water to wash and clean house with I roasted a piece of Mutten this morning I Bake some Apples so far I like it very much as I donot have any trouble about the fuel it cost us 22 dollars it has two holes on top and an oven to Bake in it will cost us about $1.25 a week for the stuf we burn in it -- we went had a very nice dinner Okra Soup three dishes besides and desert"

Trouble seems to follow the MAYNARDs. On 27 October 1872, still from Savannah, AMANDA wrote to JOHN: 5

"This is the first line or letter I have tryed to write since my finger got sore which is over two months I have suffered very much with it --

ROBERT is out of busines has been out for the last week he does not know what he will do or where he will go yet he may go to Atlanta or he may go north I do not want to do if we can help it"

In the same letter, ROBERT writes of his plans:

"I am out of business at present I do not know exactly what I shall go into I have a roundabout offer to go to Atlanta if I get a direct one I think it probable I shall take it If I do not get that I shall have to return to the north tho I do not want to especially as winter is coming on there is a fine chance to start a business here if I had the means to do so -- there is five Job Printing offices that have to send their work to Charleston -- they are very anxious for me to start a bindery -- if I could raise about twelve hundred dollars -- but I might as well try to get the moon"

Less than two months later, ROBERT found a new position in Atlanta. AMANDA's part of a letter dated 11 December 1872 was addressed from Atlanta c/o Plantation Pub. Co.to JULIA: 6

"I did not think when I wrote my last letter that I should date my next one from Atlanta in a Boarding house and the ground all covered with snow I have not seen any befor since we left Norwich if we had come right here from Norwich I think it would have been better for us but coming to Savannah were it was so warm and we had got use to it but we are here now and we must make the best of it. I say we that is ROBERT and myself Julia 8
B. and ROBBIE I left in Savannah 12

ROBERT has charge of a Bindery here and is much pleasienter place then in Savannah I would rather live here than Savannah for the weather is not so hot here in the Summer we have rented a house and will go to housekeeping next Saterday Atlanta is a great place and is growing to be a large city it is more then twice as large as it was before the war ROBERT has not been well but is better now"

ROBERT addressed his portion to JOHN: 5

"when I last write to you I was rather uncertain where I should bring up as there was different openings for me to go into but the entrance fee was hard to get hold of first there was an opening in Savannah to put up a Bindery but it required about $1200.00 to go in to it and as I could not raise but about half of it there was a friend there that would have let me have six hundred but as I could not get the other six I had to let that slide so I turned my attention to the offer I had in this place -- I agreed to go into the establishment at $2.75 per day there is another opening for me here to go into a business if I can put about five hundred dollars into it I can have a half interest in the Franklin Printing House Bindery the one I fitted up when I came to Atlanta in 1860 it needs some additions to bring it up to the requirements of the times and I could have the sole management of that part of the business"

The lack of money continues to be a problem compounded by ROBERT's poor health and young ROBBIE's inability to settle into a suitable career. AMANDA writes from Atlanta to JOHN on 4 May 1873: 12 5

"It came to my mind that I had not paid the balance due on my watch it seem it has bee a continual extra expense ever since ROBBIE came from your house his coming home was since then we moved then in three months we moved up her and Boarded two weeks then went to housekeeping and that with moveing was a good deal more expense then ROBBIE came home and could not get anything to do that would pay --

ROBERT has not had his health here as good as when he was in Savannah -- today he is not able to go out

The fare from here to New York is 27 dollars and fifty cents by Steamer I hope it will be so that you can come and see us"

A gap exists in our knowledge of the lives of the MAYNARDs for the ten year period between 4 May 1873 and 17 July 1883. We do know that during this interval, ROBERT established his own Bindery:

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Third Edition

By E. Y. Clarke
Jas. P. Harrison & Co., Publishers and Printers, Atlanta, GA 1881

page 154
"Walker, Claridy & Co., at the North end of Broad street bridge, have a good bindery, and so has R. J. Maynard, in the Brown building, at the South end of the bridge."

We also have an onimus note concerning ROBERT's failing eyesight but the date on the letter, possibly 9 February 1878, written by AMANDA to JOHN, is not quite legible: 5

"I guess we will get along some how just keep along till ROBERT gets his eyes right they keep changeing it seem like the moon change until thay go out when that day comes how sad for the time I want it to come soon then I dread it it will be so sad for us all God help us to bear up under the triall he goes on now just as if he saw or could see when he cant two feet"

Finally, Julia Barron Maynard, writing from Atlanta on 17 July 1883, to her aunt JULIA, opens the door again: 8 6

"I thought I would write while Mamma was there but some how the time all went and I did not do it. We sent a postal the day Mamma arrived. Well Papa & I went to the depot to meet the State Road train, and there she was about 10 minutes ahead of the train she was to come on and we left the depot before that train arrived. We had our dinner and everything was cleared up so she had her dinner by herself and then a bath. By that time her trunk came and we proceeded to unpack. We were very much pleased with every thing she had for our benefit, but we particularly enjoyed the products of Squaw Brook Farm, the currants & pot-cheese were in excelent condition. --

Mamma had a delightful visit allaround. I think it has done her a great deal of good. She says she forgot to tell you that she thought better about giving the comb to Lu, she would keep it as a keepsake she is wearing it right now" 3

JOHN JACOB MESSERVE wrote to his wife, JULIA, to inform her of his safe arrival in Atlanta on 21 December 1883 for an extended visit with the MAYNARDs: 5,6

"I arrived at 2 o'clk ROBT & AMANDA ROBBIE & little Robby Mary's son was at Depot to rec me." 12,15 1

JOHN was still in Atlanta when JULIA wrote to him on 20 April 1884: 5,6

"Give my love to AMANDA and all the rest"

It appears that JOHN's health improved sufficiently during his visit for him to return to Squaw Brook Farm sometime in April or May, 1884. The first news we have of the MAYNARDs followed on 8 July 1884 in a letter from Julia B. at 122 East Cain Street, Atlanta, to her cousin, JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE: 5 8 22

> "Mamma has kept your father pretty well posted in regard to our progress in our house cleaning and general fixing up. We are about done, would have been all done but our paint gave out last week as the man was also out we had to wait till today before we could get any more of the same kind then we have the yard to clean up"

ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD and his cousin, JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE, were married in Haledon, NJ on 25 October 1885 and went to Atlanta to live. The bride's first letter to her mother, JULIA, after their arrival was written on 2 November 1885: 12,22 6

> "Aunt AMANDA was very much pleased with the jelley and fruit"

In her next letter to her mother, JULIA introduces an interesting subject but leaves the result hanging with no report on the outcome. The date of the letter is 16 November 1885: 6,22

> "Atlanta is perfectly frantic about this liquor question which is to be decided Nov 25th Uncle ROBERT does not believe in prohibition Aunt AMANDA does"

JULIA CLELAND's letter to her daughter indicates that JULIA and ROBBIE are living with ROBBIE's parents at 122 East Cain Street. JULIA mentions in the letter dated 1 December 1884, that she sent a box to R.J. MAYNARD to the bindery at 43½ South Broad Street, Atlanta. It is apparent from the next two letters from young JULIA to her mother that ROBERT J. is still tending to his work at the bindery. 6,22 12 6 22,6

On 22 December 1885:

> "I went to the bindery with Julia B. to mail the Record" 22,3

and on 19 January 1886:

> "I am working at the bindery all last week and this" 22

In her next letter to her mother, she passes along this request on 23 February 1886: 22,6

> "Uncle ROBERT says he would like several "Shell bark" hickory saplings if you could get them now Uncle R will pay expenses"

With thanks to JULIA's letter to her mother on 13 April 1886, we have the rare treat of a more intimate look into the MAYNARD's life at home: 22,6

> "Julia and her mother are cleaning the dining room and Aunt A's room and of course I am not counted in the picnic and feel sort o' queer for Julia and her mother are not in the most amiable 8

mood toward each other today I declare the way they rangle and holler at each other is awful I think Julia ought to be ashamed of the way she talks to her Father and Mother. it beats all I ever did and I know I have not been over respectful , in which I am very much ashamed when I think of it for now I see how it appears but you never talked to any of us as Aunt A talks" 8

In one more letter to her mother on 1 March 1887, JULIA reports that she is working at the bindery and is beginning to like it. Then, a few weeks later, there is an indirect inference that ROBERT is selling his bindery and that AMANDA will become a storekeeper and that her daughter-in-law, JULIA, would help serve the customers. Apparently, all the news of this event was reported by JULIA to her sister, Maggie, whose comments in reply are all we know about it. 6,22 22 22,20

Maggie's first letter to JULIA on 29 April 1887 states: 20,22

"I am sorry - I don't think Aunt A is fit to do anything like that as her hearing is so bad and she is not well enough otherwise, and I am almost sure she will lose money especially as her customers are to be mainly the darkies, and from what Ive heard they are very poor pay."

and her second letter on 9 May 1887:

"find you have begun storekeeping"

Then, on 5 January 1888, ROBERT died. No letters have been found which refer to the event except for a reference to "his" things by his daughter, Julia B. in her letter of 31 January 1888 to her sister-in-law cousin, JULIA who had returned to Squaw Brook Farm in North Haledon, NJ. 8 22

A wonderful tribute was paid to ROBERT by the De Kalb Lodge No. 9, I.O.O.F. of which a copy in reduced size follows on pages 90 and 91.

R. J. Maynard,

Book Binder & Blank Book Manufacturer,

43½ S. Broad Street.

Atlanta, Ga. 188

Late 1887

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R. J. MAYNARD,

43½ South Broad Street, Atlanta, Ga.

Extract of the Minutes.

DeKalb Lodge No. 9. I.O.O.F.

Savannah, Ga., February 6, 1888.

At a regular meeting of this Lodge this evening the following was unanimously adopted:

Past Grand Robert J. Maynard passed from this life January 5th, 1888.

A very short time before he died, the Lodge he loved so well was the subject of his thoughts and conversation

This was no strange thing, for the Lodge was his family, and Odd Fellowship was his favorite theme.

Our Brother not only talked Odd Fellowship, but he lived it. His daily walk and conversation comported with his professions.

For many years he was denied the privilege of actively engaging in the work on account of his almost total loss of sight, but he lived over the scenes and experiences of other days, and kept alive his love for the Order and its principles.

No gloom was cast over his life by the darkness that clouded his vision. His cheerfulness under all circumstances was the wonder of his friends, and proved an example that will out-live him.

Such a man could be brought less than a fond, affectionate and considerate husband and father.

Past Grand Maynard was a Charter member of Williams Lodge No. 15, which was instituted at Athens, Georgia, in the early part of 1847. Business interests caused him to change his residence and membership to Hartford, (Conn.) Lodge No. 52, from which Lodge he took a With-drawel Card, when he returned to this State. He joined DeKalb Lodge No. 9 by deposit of Card April 24, 1871, and has ever been a valued and hon-ored member. His interest in the Lodge was con-tinuous, and was in no measure affected by his resi-dence in our sister-city Atlanta.

As a mark of the esteem and love we bore to our Brother, your Committee recommend:

That a page in our Record Book be inscribed to the memory of our departed Brother, and

That this report be entered upon the Minutes of this meeting, and a copy of same be sent to the family of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted:

C. H. Dorsett,
W. H. McLaws. } Committee.
W. C. Neidlinger.

Attest:

John Riley,
Secretary.

William Edwin Messerve, an older brother of AMANDA, died on 25 January 1892. This sad event opens our door again to AMANDA's life after a complete blackout since the death of her husband just a bit over four years earlier. 23

On 31 December 1892, while visiting her sister, Eliza, at 2206 7th Avenue, New York City, JULIA CLELAND wrote to her daughters, JULIA and Maggie: 24 6 22,20

> "He (J.W.C. Leveridge) very quickly told me that William's only heir, and the only one who had anything to do in the matter was his Sister "Mandy", (at the receipt of which information I was very glad) and that I had better write to her to come on - authorize some one to receive the rent of the property, (in Ridgewood, NJ) and dispose of it as soon as possible or as she thought best" 25,23

JULIA did write to AMANDA in accordance with these instructions. AMANDA replied to JULIA from Atlanta on 16 February 1892 revealing that during the four year gap in news, she had made a trip to the north: 6

> "I little thought I would be call back so soon aye I never thought to be call back or ever start to come when I saw you last for when I came it was a great effert I had to make but it was to see Brother William once more and to see if I could do him some good it seem not and he is gone gone to be no more one of us and I am left alone the last one 23
>
> you say it is needfull for me to come there I will try and come if Providence permits I thought I might come soon after the first of march if the weather is so I can start
>
> you collect the Rents till I come I will write this way
>
> I Mrs A M Maynard the sister of William E Messerve do Autforize you Mrs J J Messerve to collect the Rents of the Ridgewood Property of Mr W E Messerve 23 6
>
> P.S or Mrs J P Maynard to collect it 22

On 18 March 1893, Isabell L. Idell, widow of AMANDA's oldest brother, Abraham, wrote to JULIA: 26 9,6

> "Have you herd from AMANDA lately? Will she be up to attend to the business do you suppose? Or will the men in whose hands it is will do it without her.

Our final news of AMANDA [illegible] written by her daughter, Julia B. on 7 March 1894 from 134 East Cain Street, Atlanta, to her cousin, JULIA: 8 22

> "Mamma is still in Jacksonville to my surprise, for I did not think she would stay two weeks. She said she would stay 2 months and it looks as if she will, though I wont be surprised to see her any day."

In refering to the estate, Julia B. adds:

"Mamma is her own representative for her third, and I have no claim on it."

Five and a half years later, AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE died on 11 November 1899 and was buried beside her husband, ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD and her only son, ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD, in Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, GA. 12

1	Mary Tallulah Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(1)	daughter by wife 1
2	Lydia Franklin Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(2)	daughter by wife 1
3	Elizabeth Lucinda Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(3)	daughter by wife 1
4	DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER	19;5-1(4)	AMANDA's mother
5	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	AMANDA's brother
6	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	sister-in-law
7	Ann Griffith	W5;5-3( ),4(2)	sister-in-law
8	Julia Barron Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(4)	daughter
9	Abraham C. Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1)	AMANDA's brother
10	Mary Hattrick Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(2)	
11	Robert Charles Woods	H10;5-2( ),4(3)	
12	ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD	1;3-3(5)	son
13	LYDIA FRANKLIN	17;5-1( )	ROBERT's mother
14	Reuben P. Rodgers	H1;5-5( ),4(10)	brother-in-law
15	Robert Reed	1;4-4(9),3(1),2( )	ROBERT's grandson
16	Maria Gifford Maynard	1;5-5( ),4(10)	ROBERT's sister
17	Mary C. Creemer	19;6-2( ),5(2)	AMANDA's maternal aunt
18	Roberts -unknown-possibly husband	family of Lydia Franklin Maynard's	
19	PHOEBE JOHNSON	38;6-1(2)	AMANDA's maternal grandmother
20	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	niece
21	Edgar Barron Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(4)	nephew
22	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	niece and daughter-in-law
23	William Edwin Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(2)	AMANDA's brother
24	Eliza Howard Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(3)	
25	John William C. Leveridge	19;6-2( ),5(5),4( )	AMANDA's cousin
26	Isabell L. Idell	W5;5-3( ),4(1)	sister-in-law
27	William J. Creemer	19;6-2( ),5(6),4(1)	cousin of AMANDA

may the good Lord Bless you and keep
you all is the Prayer of your
Sister
A M Maynard

Maria Gifford Maynard 1;5-5( ),4(10) Reuben P. Rodgers

The statistical record of Maria's birth and wedding dates were found in the MAYNARD family Bible.

Almost six years prior to Maria's birth on 28 May 1821, an older sister of exactly the same name died at the age of 6. Maria married Reuben P. Rodgers in June, 1845 in New York City, NY. 1

Maria's brother, ROBERT, writing from Atlanta, GA, on 30 January 1861 to his brother-in-law, JOHN JACOB MESSERVE, inquired: 2 3

> "I should like to know what Reuben Rogers is doing and how he is getting along"

Further on in the letter, ROBERT mentions a Mr. Rogers but there is an inference that he is not the same man: 2

> "I wish if you should be in the neighbourhood of Spring St and Sullivan sometime you would call on Mr Rogers the one that makes the Magnesia he said he would make me a handsome present if I would introduce it her which I have done"

In ROBERT's next letter to JOHN, written on 17 February 1861, infers that his mother, LYDIA FRANKLIN, was living with Maria and Reuben in New York City at the time of her death on 8 February 1861 and also that the Rodgers had children: 2,3 4

> "had she (his mother) been sick for any length of time she (would) have suffered as Maria with all the care of her family could not pay her the attention she should have"

AMANDA, ROBERT's wife, also mentions Maria in her portion of the same letter to JOHN. Her statement: 5,2 3

> "if you should go over near Maria Mrs Rogers in the course of ten days"

gives strong evidence that the Rodgers lived in New York City since it is conveniently "over" from both JOHN's place of work in the City and his home in Hoboken, NJ. Her request of JOHN supports the belief that ROBERT's mother had been living with the Rodgers. 3 4

> "I wish you would go there and say to here that when Mother was a live she said she would like for me to have her spectales I should like to have them for a keepsake and anything else She is dispose to give me" 4

JULIA MESSERVE planned a visit to Maria 20 July 1890 in New York City. 6

1 Maria Gifford Maynard 1;5-5( ),4(5) Maria's sister
2 ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD 1;4-4(9) Maria's brother
3 JOHN JACOB MESSERVE 5;4-2(4)
4 LYDIA FRANKLIN 17;5-1( ) Maria's mother
5 AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE 5 & 9;4-1(3) sister-in-law
6 JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE 5;3-1(6)

1;5-5( ) 31 JEDEDIAH MAYNARD b. 7 Aug 1777 age 24 d.24 May 1828 age 50	17;5-1( ) 32 LYDIA FRANKLIN b.24 Oct 1777 m.27 Feb 1802 age 24 d. 8 Feb 1861 New York City, NY age 83
4(1) Henry L. Maynard b. 7 Aug 1803 age 22 d. 9 Aug 1832 age 29	Jane M. Mackey b. Dec 1809 m.22 Feb 1826 age 16 d. 9 Aug 1832 age 22
3(1) Jane Louisa Maynard b. 8 Aug 1827 m. age d. age	 b. age d. age
3(2) Charles William Maynard b.12 Sep 1829 d. 9 Aug 1832 age 2	X
3(3) Henry Lilienthal Maynard b. 8 Dec 1831 d.20 Aug 1832 age 0	X

All of the information pertinent to the family of Henry L. Maynard and his wife, Jane M. Mackey, was obtained from the Maynard family Bible.

Nothing is known of the tragedy which claimed the lives of the father, mother and two year old Charles on 9 August 1832 followed less than two weeks later by the death of Henry. Apparently, only Jane, their oldest child, survived.

1;4-4;(9) 15 ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD b. 30 May 1817 New York, NY age 26	Lucinda Elliott (1) b. 7 Jul 1824 Bledsoe County,TN m. 20 Jun 1843 Dahlonega, GA age 18 d. 1 Aug 1849 age 25
3(1) Mary Tallulah Maynard b. 5 Apr 1844 Athens, GA m. 16 Mar 1864 Atlanta, GA age 19 d. age	Samuel P. Reed b. age d. age
3(2) Lydia Franklin Maynard b. 24 Oct 1845 Marietta, GA m. age d. age	Roberts b. age d. age
3(3) Elizabeth Lucinda Maynard b. 19 Feb 1848 Athens, GA m. 20 Jul 1869 Norwich,CT age 21 d. age	William D. Chapel b. age d. age
    age 34 d. 5 Jan 1888 Oakland Cem. age 70 Atlanta, GA	5 & 9;4-1;(3) 16 AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE (2) b. 10 Aug 1818 Savannah, GA m. 30 Dec 1851 Hoboken, NJ age 33 d, 11 Nov 1899 Oakland Cem. age 81 Atlanta, GA
3(4) Julia Barron Maynard b. 25 Nov 1852 Athens, GA m. 12 Apr 1888 Atlanta, GA age 35 d. 9 Apr 1928 Oakland Cem. age 75 Atlanta, GA	William L. Ozburn b. 7 Sep 1855 age 33 d. 17 Oct 1895 Oakland Cem. age 40 Atlanta, GA

1;3-3(5) 7 ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD b.18 Oct 1854 New York City, NY age 31 d.30 Nov 1892 Oakland Cem., age 38 Atlanta, GA	5;3-1(6) 8 JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE b.24 Jul 1863 Hoboken, NJ m.25 Oct 1885 St. Mary's Church, age 22 Haledon, NJ d.10 Apr 1935 Laurel Grove Cem., age 71 Paterson, NJ
3(6) John William Maynard b.10 Oct 1856 Hoboken, NJ d.19 Oct 1857 age 1	X
3(7) Margaret Adeline Maynard b.14 Jun 1858 Hoboken, NJ d.26 Aug 1858 age 0	X

Mary Tallulah Maynard 1;4-4(9),3(1) Samuel P. Reed

The information pertinent to Mary's birth and wedding was recorded in the MAYNARD family Bible. The first news we have of Mary is in a letter written by her father to his brother-in-law, JOHN, from Athens, GA, in the name of her younger sisters, Lydia and Lucinda; on 25 December 1852: 1,4 2 3

"Santa Claus came here on friday night and brought Mary a cat and mouse"

Nothing more is known of Mary's life between that Christmas day in her childhood and 16 March 1864, the day of her marriage to Samuel P. Reed in Atlanta, GA, six months prior to the capture of the City by General Sherman.

On 29 May 1865, in a letter from her father in Atlanta to JOHN, we read: 1,4

"Mary, Lydia and Lu were in Selma, Alabama when we last heard from them which was about a month ago" 2,3

but nothing was mentioned about Mary's husband, Samuel. Mary came north with her parents after the war to Norwich, CT and was refered to in her mother's letter to JOHN on 7 May 1868. 5,4

"Those little Hats for the Children -- thay was Mary choice"

Three years later, Mary's half-sister, Julia B., wrote to JULIA CLELAND on 20 August 1868 from Norwich saying: 6 7

"Mary is going to start for New York next week. Lydia came home last Wednesday. She is going to take Mary's place in the Bindery. Mary's and Lydia's trunks are in the parlor. Lydia's Melodion and Mary's Sewing Machine. Mary has to do all the sewing there. Mamma and Mary are visiting to Grandma" 2 5,8

We hear nothing more from or about Mary for 15 years when we learn that she is living in Atlanta and that she has a family. Without any mention of her husband, it is not known whether she was rejoined with Samuel Reed or was married to someone else. On 17 July 1883, Julia B., writing from Atlanta to her aunt JULIA, said: 6,7

"Saturday night Mary's two oldest boys were here to tea and we sent for them all to come here Sunday night to tea, but in the morning she sent word by the children that she did not feel well enough to come there, so in the afternoon we fixed up what was left of the currants and pot cheese and took with us and away we went, that finished up and they kept very nicely till they were gone We brought Ella & Jessie (the two youngest) home with us They are here yet. I will take them home this afternoon" 9,10 11,12

When JOHN JACOB MESSERVE arrived in Atlanta on 21 December 1883 4

to begin his extended visit with his sister and brother-in-law, AMANDA and ROBERT MAYNARD, he wrote to his wife, JULIA: 5,1,7

"I arrived at 2 o'clk ROBT & AMANDA ROBBIE & little Robbie 1,5
Mary's son was at Depot to receive me" 13,14

Two more brief references to Mary and her children complete this sketchy glimpse at her life. Both are from letters from Atlanta by Julia B. to her cousin JULIA, the first dated 8 July 1884 and 6,15
the second 22 July 1884:

"I have been promising Mary's children to have my criquet up by the next time they come ever since Easter I thought to do it this week, with Robbie's help. he has been with us since last 14
Saturday. he has several sore places on his feet and Ma is doc- 5
toring him so I am waiting on him. I am glad to have him with me he is company and is very good - We have all the vegetables we want and plenty for Mary too if she would send for them but it is so far she only sends about once a week"

"Mary's Robbie went home last Tuesday and Ella came and staid 11
till this afternoon when I took her home. She will come back Saturday and stay a few days. - Mary's baby is quite sick, we 16
feel worried about it"

1	ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;4-4(9)		father
2	Lydia Franklin Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(2)		sister
3	Elizabeth Lucinda Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(3)		sister
4	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	step-	uncle
5	AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	5 & 9;4-1(3)	step-	mother
6	Julia Barron Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(4)		half-sister
7	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	step-	aunt
8	DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER	19;5-1(4)	step-	maternal grandmother
9	? Reed	1;4-4(9),3(1),2( )		son
10	? Reed	1;4-4(9),3(1),2( )		son
11	Ella Reed	1;4-4(9),3(1),2( )		daughter
12	Jessie Reed	1;4-4(9),3(1),2( )		daughter
13	ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD	1;3-3(5)		half-brother
14	Robert Reed	1;4-4(9),3(1),2( )		son
15	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	step-	cousin
16	? Reed	1;4-4(9),3(1),2( )		

Lydia Franklin Maynard 1;4-4(9),3(2) Roberts

Only Lydia's birthplace and date were recorded in the MAYNARD family Bible. Except for the brief reference to her in a letter written by her father in the name of her sister, Lucinda and herself, from Atlanta, GA to her aunt JULIA on 25 December 1852: 1,2 3

"we try to be good children and not make much noise when the baby is asleep -- Santa Claus came here on friday night and -- brought Lydia a Lady riding on a dog" 4

nothing is known about Lydia from her birth on 24 October 1845 in Marietta, GA, until 29 May 1865 when her father, writing from Atlanta to her uncle JOHN, referred to her: 1 5

"Mary, Lydia and Lu were in Selma, Alabama when we last heard from them which was about a month ago" 6,2

Lydia was with her parents in Norwich, CT after the War. On 1 December 1867, her step-mother wrote from Norwich to JOHN JACOB MESSERVE: 8,5

"Thanksgiven day was a warm day and very stormy in the afternoon Lydia's Beaux came here from Hartford the night before and spent the day so we had a Thanksgiven dinner the day went of pleasantly and she was happy you know how that is you have been young and went to see the girls"

On 20 August 1868, her half-sister, Julia B., wrote from Norwich to JULIA CLELAND: 4 3

"Lydia came home last Wednesday. She is going to take Mary's place in the bindery. Mary's and Lydia's trunks are in the parlor Lydia's Melodion and Mary's Sewing Machine" 6

According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, a melodeon is a small reed organ in which a suction bellows draws air inward through the reeds.

The only letter found that was written by Lydia was one dated 6 October 1872 from Norwich to her step-aunt JULIA which she signed "Lydia F. Roberts" and referred to her baby: 3 7

"My baby has not been very well for a week or more. -- I must bring this to a close as the baby is crying"

Only one more bit of news of her life was found in a letter written from Haledon, NJ by Margaret C. Messerve to JULIA P. MESSERVE in Atlanta on 3 May 1886: 9,10

"I am surprised to hear of Lydia's forsaking the Church of her father's I don't see how she could do it - but I suppose a change like that is not made in a minute" 1

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4	Julia Barron Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(4)	half-sister
5	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	step-uncle
6	Mary Tallulah Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(1)	sister
7	? Roberts	1;4-4(9),3(2),2( )	
8	AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	5 & 9;4-1(3)	step-mother
9	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	step-cousin
10	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	step-cousin

I must bring this to a close as
the baby is crying with love
to all from your Aff Niece
Lydia G. Roberts
Norwich
Box 92 Ct

Elizabeth Lucinda Maynard 1;4-4(9),3(3) William D. Chapel

The date and place of Lucinda's birth and the date and place of her marriage to William D. Chapel were recorded in the MAYNARD family Bible.

We first hear of Lucinda from a letter written by her father from Athens, GA, in the name of her sister Lydia and herself, on 25 December 1852 to her step-aunt JULIA CLELAND: 1 2 3

> "We try to be good children and not make much noise when the baby is asleep -- Santa Claus came here on friday night and -- brought Lucinda a Lady riding on a horse" 4

Thirteen years later, on 29 May 1865, we next hear of Lucinda in a letter written by her father from Atlanta to JOHN JACOB MESSERVE: 1,5

> "Mary, Lydia & Lu were in Selma, Alabama when we last heard from them which was about a month ago" 6,2

After the War, Lucinda was with her parents in Norwich, CT. On 29 April 1868, DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER, while visiting her daughter AMANDA, in Norwich, wrote to her son JOHN and his wife, JULIA in regard to Lucinda's planned visit to Squaw Brook Farm in North Haledon, NJ. ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD was a bit more specific in his note added to the same letter. 7 8,5,3 1

> "all busy getting Lue off She gose on Friday She is much pleased the thought of going I think she will be a good girl and do you much good"
>
> "Lu will start from here Friday night and be in New York Saturday"

A few days later, from Norwich on 7 May 1868, AMANDA wrote to her brother, JOHN: 8 5

> "we was glad Lucinda got there all safe but did not say anything about her Baggage -- Let us know how Lucinda likes Paterson and if she finds anything to do"

On 16 March 1869, Lucinda married William D. Chapel at Norwich. Six months later, on 20 August 1869, Julia B. refers to her half-sister in her letter to JULIA CLELAND: 4

> "I will do my best in delivering your congratulations to Lu when I see her. I went to see her about three weeks ago and staid a couple of days She has a very pleasant place about 5 miles from here. I expect to go again soon."

Something went wrong with the marriage and apparently much earlier than the date of our news, 6 October 1872, as written by Lydia from Norwich to JULIA CLELAND. If Lucinda's father and stepmother did interfere with her marriage, it was before October, 1870, only a year and a half after the wedding, the approximate time ROBERT and AMANDA left Norwich to return to Savannah, GA. 2 3 1,8

"I did not know where Lue was until yesterday I have not seen her for a long time but yesterday I heard she had gone to housekeeping in this place. My baby has not been very well for 9
a week or more so I did not have any chance to look for Lue. She has told me several times that if I would leave her alone she could do well enough. She said that if had not been for me and my Father & Mother that her and William would not have been seperated after we had done all we could for her so that is one reason that I did not know where she was. I should liked to have had her come and stayed with you for I should have felt better contented I would have known that she had a good home"

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9	? Chapel	1;4-4(9),3(3),2( )	

1;4-4(9),3(4) Julia Barron Maynard b.25 Nov 1852 Athens, GA m.12 Apr 1888 Atlanta, GA age 35 d. 9 Apr 1928 Oakland Cem. age 75 Atlanta, GA	William L. Ozburn b. 1855 age 33 d.17 Oct 1895 Oakland Cem. age 40 Atlanta, GA

Julia Barron Maynard 1;4-4(9),3(4) William L. Ozburn

ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD reported the arrival of Julia Barron May- 1
nard in a letter written from Athens, GA in the name of Lydia and 2
Lucinda, to JULIA CLELAND on 25 December 1852: 3,4

> "We have got a little sister that Mrs Manly brought here one morning her name is Julia Barron"

ROBERT finished the letter the next day: 1

> "AMANDA sits by me with Julia Barron in her lap AMANDA calls her Miss Temper going as she is she likes to have her own way and if she does not have her calls attended too she makes a great outcry about it. Now to give you personal descriptions the new comer imagine Wms Head, Ma's mouth my eyes John's limbs and Amanda's hands all amalgamated 5
>
> Lucinda & Lydia have put the price at ten cents Mary puts the price at twenty dollars AMANDA says she will not put any price on her at present as she improves on acquaintance." 3,2,6 5

Although we know that the MAYNARD family left Georgia in 1853 to reside in Hoboken, NJ where they stayed until their return to Atlanta early in 1860, not a single reference to Julia B. was found until they again returned north, this time to Norwich, CT, after the War sometime between 1865 and 1867. On 1 December 1867, AMANDA, writing from Norwich to her brother JOHN, said: 5,7

> "Julia and ROBBIE are well Keep close to school" 8

Julia B. was almost 17 when we get the first opportunity to read news by her own hand in her letter written from Norwich on 20 August 1869 to her aunt JULIA: 4

> "I will begin school again three weeks from next Monday I have so much to do to get ready for school as I am going in long clothes again it is 10 years since I put on short clothes and I am tired of them
>
> I went to see her (Lu) about three weeks ago and staid a couple of days" 3

Julia B. returned to Georgia with her mother by ship to join her father and younger brother who had left Norwich at an earlier date. AMANDA, writing from Savannah to her mother on 3 October 1870, mentioned that they both suffered from sea-sickness on the voyage. 5 1,8 5,9

> "we had supper Julia and I went to the table but she left and did not get there till Sunday dinner time I was some sick as well as Julia B." 5

The MAYNARDs were still in Savannah when Julia B. wrote to her aunt JULIA about her sorrow at learning of the death of her maternal grandmother, DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER: 4 9

"Today is the first time that I have regretted coming to Savannah this Fall if I had staid in Norwich I would have been able to be at the funeral and seen Grandmother's face once more before she is put in the grave away from our sight"

Again, we have a gap in the news of Julia B. for nearly two years. In AMANDA's last letter from Savannah on 27 October 1872 before moving to Atlanta, she informed her brother JOHN: 5 7

"Julia is in School do not know how long she will be there as She takes the place of a teacher that is sick"

Julia B. continued to teach in Savannah until April, 1873 as we learn from two letters from AMANDA writing from Atlanta to her sister-in-law, JULIA; the first on 11 December 1872 and the second on 4 May 1873: 5 4

"I say that we that is ROBERT and myself Julia B and ROBBIE I left in Savannah She has a position in School at present Julia is Boarding with a very nice family" 1,8

"Julia B came home by the first of April to stay She thought best to give up teaching there and come up here so as to be on hand here for a chance as she had to pay high Board there and it would be better home."

We do not hear any more news of or from Julia B. for over ten years until, on 17 July 1883, she writes from Atlanta to JULIA CLELAND: 4

"Papa & I went to the depot to meet the State Road train, and there she was about 10 minutes ahead of the train she was to come on. 1 5

I went to Church that same afternoon because our Society met and saw Dr Williams and asked him to take tea with us to my astonishment he accepted (of course I wanted him to come or I would not have asked him, but I did not think he would) & did not have any preparation made but he seemed to enjoy his tea. he said your pot cheese & currants were quite a treat. Saturday night Mary's two oldest boys were here to tea." 6

AMANDA had brought back the pot cheese and currants from her visit to Squaw Brook Farm in North Haledon, NJ. 5

The following year, Julia B., now living at 122 East Cain Street, Atlanta, wrote to her cousin, JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE, on 8 July 1884 and again on 22 July 1884: 10

"Your father when he was here did not think much of our garden but we think it has done very well, we have all the vegetables we want, and have plenty for Mary too -- We have had everything we planted but tomatoes they have grown quite large but have not ripened yet. We have a great many peaches on our big tree but as this is our first year here I do not know what kind they are" 7 6

"I set up my criquet last week have played several times"

One year and three months later, cousin now sister-in-law, JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE, married Julia B.s brother, ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD and began housekeeping with the MAYNARD family in Atlanta. When the young couple arrived, they brought with them some of the "goodies" from Squaw Brook Farm. JULIA wrote to her mother on 2 November 1885: 10 8 8,4

"Aunt AMANDA was very much pleased with the jelley and fruit Julia says you could not have struck upon anything to please her as much as the "splasher" she is delighted. 5

Next Monday Julia and I are to go to the Constitution building and go over it while they are at work."

In JULIA's next letter to her mother, written 23 November 1885, she mentions Julia B.'s beau but mis-spells his name: 10,4

"Yesterday afternoon Will Osbourn came and spent the afternoon stayed to tea and went to Church with Julia."

Again, writing to her mother, on 30 November 1885, JULIA mentions Miss Anne Varnedoe whose name appears as a witness on Julia B.'s wedding certificate two and a half years later: 4,10

"Julia and I went to Miss Anne Varnedoe to dine Thanksgiving day"

Still in Atlanta, JULIA again writes to her mother on 13 April 1886: 10,4

"Julia and her mother are cleaning the dining room and Aunt A's room and of course I am not counted in the picnic and feel sort o' queer for Julia and her mother are not in the most amiable mood toward each other today I declare the way they rangle and holler at each other is awful I think Julia ought to be ashamed of the way she talks to her Father and Mother. it beats all I ever did and I know I have not been over respectful, in which I am very much ashamed when I think of it for now I see how it appears but you never talked to any of us as Aunt A talks 5 1,5

Julia is very amiable to me. we have not had one quarrel. This is how I avoid it, if in our conversation we are beginning to disagree I sail upstairs and find something to do till I can come back in good humor. Julia don't know this but thinks I go upstairs to pout. better part than have a war of words, what say you? I don't pout though BOB thinks my plan a good one but says I ought to settle Julia once in a while, but I would not quarrel with her for the world so we keep in a happy giggling state all the while" 8

Early in the summer of 1887, probably June, JULIA returned to the MESSERVE home in North Haledon, NJ and does not appear to have returned to Atlanta, if at all, at least until after her uncle-father-in-law died on 5 January 1888. Julia B. wrote to JULIA from 122 East Cain Street, Atlanta on 31 January 1888: 10

"I have not felt well since the Exposition.

There was nothing to be done but to live through the weeks that are past, and to live through those to come, and no one knows what they can go through till they have it to do. To day has been a sorrowful one For we have been getting together his things and packed up what we thought William could use, and other things that would do for the rest of the family, and sent them off this afternoon we went to the depot and shipped them, then we went up town and called on Mrs Ozburn

We did not think you would make any change in your dress as you were way up there, but of course that is according to your own feelings. I think it is perfectly dreadful and we would not be nearly so sad, if it were not for that, how we people in a Christian land believing in the Resurrection and believing as we do that our dear one is in the "Rest of Paradise" can make up our minds to dress in a style that speaks of a hopeless loss, is more than I can understand. This is what I have always thought about it But I have never said much for I had no experience, but now I have, and I feel feel every word I have said. It is simply to gratify Mamma that I have done it, and as She is to be my chief care to comfort her wishes will govern my actions."

A few months later, on 12 April 1888, Julia Barron Maynard married William L. Ozburn in Atlanta, GA.

Julia B. drops out of sight until after the death of her brother, ROBERT, on 30 November 1892. Apparently, JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE went south about that time, presumably because of her husband's death, but returned to North Haledon by the end of January, 1893. Julia B. wrote to JULIA on 15 February 1893 from 134 East Cain Street, Atlanta.

"It is two weeks since you left us

To day it poured all day the first Ash Wednesday in 15 years that I have not gone to Church.

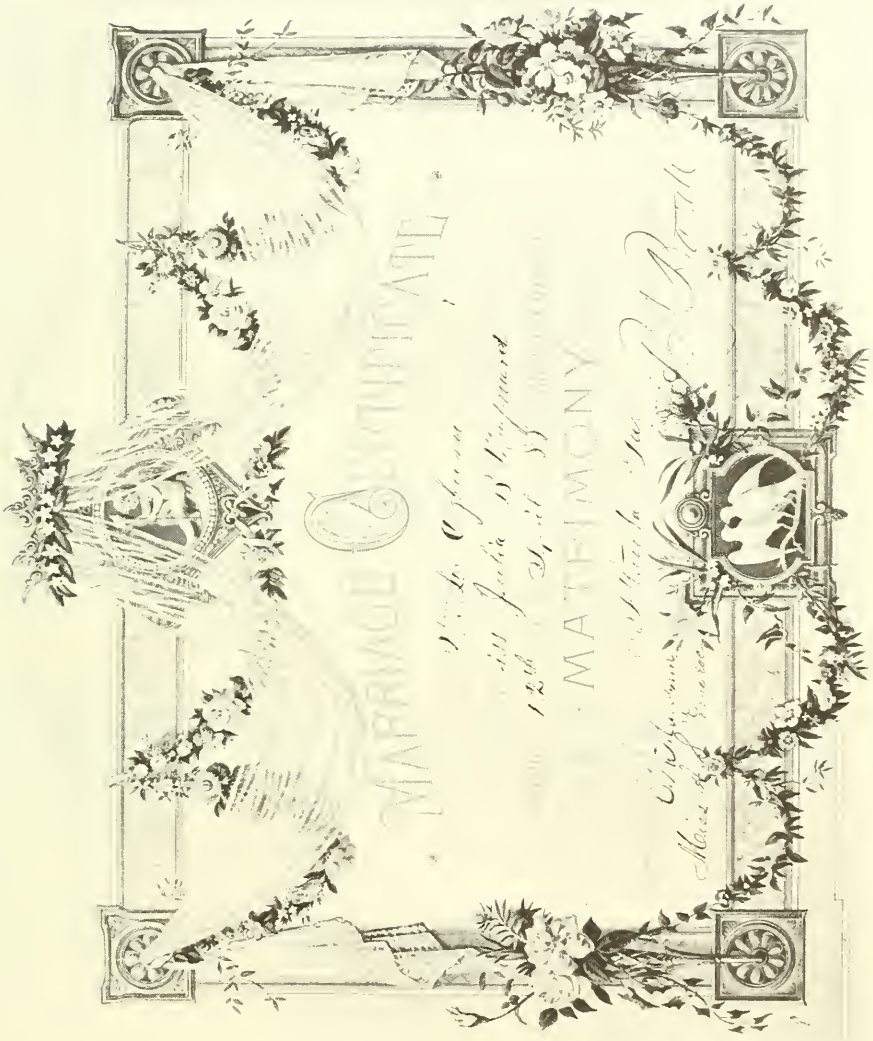
Will is getting along nicely he hardly coughs at all now but the last 2 days has developed a boil or something of that sort so he can't sit comfortably -- last week up to Sunday he had five visitors from the Lodge."

A little more than a year later, Julia B., writing from the same address on 7 March, 1894 to JULIA hints that Will's health is still poor and refers to a family problem concerning the estate of William Edwin Messerve who died 25 January 1892.

"We have quite a lot of company, not many days go without someone coming.

Will is at a stand still though that is a great deal to be thankful for -- He is not at work because he has nothing to do that he can do without being exposed to all kinds of weather.

I don't know what Aunt Belle and her boys have written on the subject and care less -- I am entirely disinterested because


MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE
MATRIMONY

Mamma is her own representative for her third and I have no claim on it." 5

JULIA CLELAND received an interesting reference to Julia B. from her son, John writing from Los Angeles, CA, on 14 May 1894: 4 13

"I received a letter from Julia Barron the other day, in which she said that they had sold their house, and had concluded to move to California - leaving Atlanta about June 1st and visit N.Y. and vicinity until July 1st and then come West, visiting Oakland, and perhaps locating in this part of the State."

Apparently, these wonderful plans fell apart. On 19 May 1894, Julia B. wrote to her cousin JULIA: 10

"Gregg St Place sold yesterday Mamma made up her mind that I must write at once and tell you she would send you a check $250.00 on next Monday -- The letter will be registered, if it is mailed on Monday it will get to Paterson on Wednesday morning. 5

I am afraid we are to be disappointed in our N.Y. travel on account of short finance Will has not got ¼ what he expected and the house only sold for $1700.00 over $500.00 short of our least calculation."

On 17 October 1895, William L. Ozburn died and is buried in Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, GA.

Julia B. lived for another 33 years, dying in Atlanta on 9 April 1928. According to her Will dated 9 June 1926, her residence at the time of her death was 503 Lawton Street, Atlanta, GA. Another property at 110-112 West Alexander Street was mentioned.

As described in part of Item 6, Julia wills to:

"my nephew, WYNFIELD J. MAYNARD, to be by him used for the education of his children Marjorie and Robert Wyn Maynard. If either of said children should decline to take an education the whole of this bequest shall be used for the benefit of the other child." 18 14,15

Whether "other child" meant WILLIAM or Arthur is not clear. 16,17

Item 7 of the Will reads:

"I give and bequeath to my said nephew, WYNFIELD J. MAYNARD, my old family Bible, which contains the family record. 18

This is the Bible referred to at the beginning of this history of the MAYNARD family.

Item 8 states:

"I give and bequeath six silver spoons marked "D.B.M.", also the spoon marked "Julia Barron", to Miss Dora Leonhard, to be by her given to her two sisters." 19 20,21

Finally, Item 9 reads:

"I direct that the proceeds of the sale of all other property of which I may die seized and possessed, not hereinbefore disposed of, shall be given to the relative who may be with me at the time of my death, for distribution between Mrs. Madeline Anderson and Miss Dora Leonhard." 21 19

A codicil dated 2 November 1927 was attached to her Will by which:

"I give and bequeath all my household goods and personal effects to my sister-in-law, Mrs. JULIA P. MAYNARD of North Haledon, New Jersey, -- 10

If the said Mrs. JULIA P. MAYNARD is with me at the time of my death, she is to take full charge of my house and make all arrangements at that time and also to disperse of any and everything of the said household and personal effects as she may think best. If she is not here at that time, wire her and get her here as soon as possible, address Mrs. J.P. MAYNARD, care of Mrs. G.T. Leonhard, 329 Lafayette Ave., Passaic, New Jersey." 10 10 22

Julia Barron Maynard was interred in Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, GA:

"by the side of the grave of my beloved husband, and that a stone be thereat erected similar to the stone erected by me in memory of my husband. The only inscription to be placed thereon shall be as follows:

Julia Barron Maynard
Wife of William L.Ozburn
Reunited_____"

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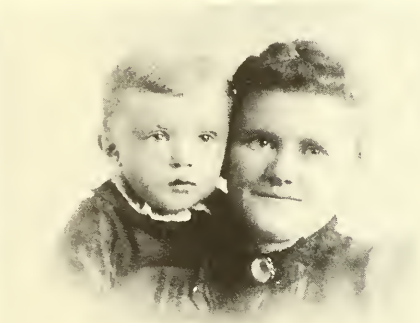
2	Lydia Franklin Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(2)	half-sister
3	Elizabeth Lucinda Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(3)	half-sister
4	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	aunt
5	AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	5 & 9;4-1(3)	mother
6	Mary Tallulah Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(1)	half-sister
7	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	uncle
8	ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD	1;3-3(5)	brother
9	DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER	19;5-1(4)	maternal grandmother
10	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	cousin- sister-in-law
11	William Edwin Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(2)	uncle
12	Isabella L. Idell	W5;5-3( ),4(1)	aunt
13	John Edwin Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2)	cousin
14	Marjorie Messerve Maynard	1;2-2(1),1(2)	children of: nephew - first cousin once removed
15	Robert Wynfield Maynard	1;2-2(1),1(4)	
16	WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD	1;1-1(1)	
17	Arthur Frederick Maynard	1;2-2(1),1(3)	
18	WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;2-2(1)	nephew-1 cous.1 remvd
19	Dora Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(1)	1st cousins once removed
20	Margaret Verena Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(4)	
21	Madeline Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(3)	
22	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	cousin

1;2-2(1) 3
WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD
b. 15 Feb 1889 North Haledon, NJ

age 24
d. 15 Dec 1954 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 65 Paterson, NJ



5;3-1(6) 8
JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE
b. 24 Jul 1863 Hoboken, NJ

m. 25 Oct 1885 St. Mary's Ch.
age 22 Haledon, NJ
d. 10 Apr 1935 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 71 Paterson, NJ

1;3-3(5) 7
ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD
b. 18 Oct 1854 New York, NY

age 31
d. 30 Nov 1892 Oakland Cem.
age 38 Atlanta, GA

ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD 1;3-3(5) JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE 5;3-1(6)

ROBERT M. was the first son born to AMANDA and ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD following three half-sisters and one sister. The date, 18 October 1854, and the place, New York, NY, were recorded in the family Bible. One would expect that such an event would have been followed by a continuing stream of news of this first and only propagator of the family name but he is twelve years old before we hear the first short reference to him. His mother, writing from Norwich, CT, to her brother JOHN on 1 December 1867, said: 1,2 1 3

"Julia and Robbie are well Keep close to School" 4

This small bit of news had to do for three more years until the MAYNARD family was reunited in Savannah, GA. In this time, ROBERT lived his first six years in Hoboken, NJ, approximately the next six, during the Civil War, in Atlanta, GA, about four more back north in Norwich and finally, back in Georgia. On 3 October 1870, his mother, writing from Savannah, GA, wrote to her mother: 1,5

"2 weeks ago I was with you today I am so far from you ROBERT & ROBBIE at the dock waiting ROBBIE was to work a week befor we came he got sick and stop for three days and has been to work for three days he has to get at four oclock in the morning but he says he like it her(e)" 5,2

About two months later, ROBBIE's sister, Julia B., on 10 December 1870, wrote from Savannah to JULIA CLELAND: 4 6

"I did not think when ROBBIE started with Papa's dinner what sad news he would bring when he came back" 2

ROBERT added a note of his own:

"I was very sorry to hear that grandmother was dead I was not expecting to hear of her death so quick" 5

ROBERT went on a trip north during 1872 but there is no record of the length of his visit, why he went or whom he saw, only the fact that he got back home. AMANDA, writing from Savannah on 27 October 1872 to her brother, JOHN, followed by another from Atlanta on 11 December 1872, gives us our first real knowledge of her son's activities: 1 3

"I wrote to JULIA about ROB coming I was glad when he got home again he look well and has been so ever since he came back. I think it done him a great deal of good to be in Paterson tho The summer he is in the telegraph office has been since the seventh of this month" 6

"I say we that is ROBERT and myself Julia B. and ROBBIE I left in Savannah ROBBIE is in the Telegrafe office how long he will stay there I do not know yet he may stay till spring as it will not be as cold for him and he will do better there than here" 2,1

We do not know why ROBERT gave up his job in Savannah but there

is an indication from AMANDA's next letter from Atlanta on 4 May 1873 to JOHN that his parents were putting some pressure on him to learn a trade: 1

"-- then ROBBIE came home and could not get anything to do that would pay so we thought it best for him to learn Telegraphing if he learnt it it would be a trade he had to pay 50 dollars to learn he began the first of February he thinks he will get through by the first of August then he will be able to take care of himself"

We do not know whether ROBERT finished his course in telegraphy. Ten years pass by with no news of him until we learn only that he is still in Atlanta. JOHN JACOB MESSERVE, writing to his wife to inform her of his safe arrival in Atlanta on 21 December 1883, said: 3,6

"I arrived at 2 o'clk ROBT & AMANDA ROBBIE & little Robbie Mary's son was at Depot to rec me" 2.1 7,8

The following month, on 20 January 1884, we get a clue from William Edwin Messerve who, in a letter to JULIA CLELAND, commenting on information he had received from his brother, JOHN, in Atlanta, that ROBBIE, at age 29, was still indecisive concerning his life's work. 9,6 3

"BOBBIE, he says is going for real estate, building houses - nix come avouse frequently - I wish him luck"

The first hint we have that JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE was more than just a cousin to ROBERT was found in a letter written to JULIA CLELAND on 20 September 1885 by Julia Cleland Woods from New York City: 6,10

"I expect you are not feeling very good about your JULIA going away Where is ROBERT MAYNARD is he down South"

In confirmation, on 9 October 1885, John Edwin Messerve wrote from Wichita, KS to his mother: 11 6

"We will think of JULIA on her wedding day - the 24th inst."

John E. had the date wrong. On 25 October 1885, ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD and JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE were married at St. Mary's Church, in Haledon, NJ. 11

JULIA's first letter to her mother on 2 November 1885 from 122 East Cain Street, Atlanta, begins a long string of letters filled with news and reflections of mores of the day: 6

"I have been setting up "in State" waiting for "callers" and today I went up town. ROB got home Saturday night and is going to Columbia next Sunday to be gone a week. I have only been here a week but I am very happy Tomorrow ROB and I are going to Mrs Redds to supper ROB has a nice little horse and he says she is gentle enough for me to drive"

Probably, the young couple's social activities are what her bro-

ther, John, meant in his letter from Wichita, KS, to JULIA CLELAND dated 4 November 1885: 11 6

"I suppose JULIA is installed in her new home now and puts on "married folks" airs"

In JULIA's next letter to her mother of 16 November 1885, only three weeks after her wedding, we can read ominous warnings of a disastrous marriage: 6

"I went up town this afternoon ROB came home yesterday morn. will go to Mobile Dec 1st if nothing happens. You know he said he had a horse in partnership with another man well he bought the other mans share and expects to buy a buggy this week. Wed. a darkie fellow name Eugene is coming here to take the care of ROB's horse and do odd jobs ROB calls him his valet We call him "Julia's butler" ROB has spent this evening home I declare I dont blame him much for wanting to spend his evenings up town for it is mighty slow for him here I have plenty of amusement but he is different."

and in her next on 23 November 1885:

"Miss Varnedoe came in to stay all night so BOB and I entertained her till Julia came home she is one of the few girls that BOB likes Tomorrow Julia and I are going to spend the day at Mrs Lovetts Next Tuesday we will have our Thanksgiving dinner for BOB is going to Mobile in the evening and will not be here Thursday Julia and I are to dine with Miss Anna V. 4

They have begun to pave Cain St. above Collins St.

There is to be a circus here today and BOB is to be conductor on the Street Car that goes to it. Tomorrow he will parade with the "Anti Prohibitionists"

and on 30 November 1885:

"Julia and I went to Miss Anne Varnedoe's to dine Thanksgiving day You dont know (how much) I miss BOB and he will not be home for another long week. This morning we had a new washer woman come for the clothes and Aunt A introduced me as her brother's wife she says she is all mixed up as to the relationship we have just discovered that you are my Aunt JULIA" 4 1 6

JULIA CLELAND wrote to her daughter on 1 December 1885: 6

"I am very glad you are so happy with your new home and surroundings -- You must not worry about us -- we miss you much, 'tis true, but so long as we know you are contented and happy - that constitutes a big share of our happiness.

With much love to ROB and the rest yourself into the bargain."

JULIA's next few letters to her mother refer more and more to home; her protestations of happiness in conflict with her longing for an absent BOB. On 14 December 1885, she wrote: 6

"It will soon be two months since I left home. Yesterday it rained all day Julia and Georgie went to Sunday School and Uncle ROBERT and I went to Church and BOB stayed home with us all day which is quite unusual for him BOB's man Eugene is a nice steady fellow very obliging and polite. 4,12 2

You ought to see how big and fat BOB is getting he weighs 128 lbs and I 122½ lbs."

On 22 December 1885:

"Yesterday I went up to the bindery with Julia to mail the record BOB came there so we all dined together it was like a picnic Gene had his dinner at home. I wish you could see him he is the nicest darkie I ever saw. up there he could pass very nicely for a white man" 4

and on 29 December 1885:

"I was so sorry to hear that Madeline had mumps and the rest likely to have it. Maggie must have her hands running over with work now while I have nothing to do I declare it seems so selfish for me to be so happy and contented while Maggie is so worried and hurried I really feel as if I ought not to have left her for my own self I am glad I did for BOB is so good and tries to do all he can for my comfort and happiness he says that is all he lives for now. He did not come home last night he was going to start at four o'clock this morning to go twelve miles back in the country hunting with a friend of his. he will be home tonight I think next week he is going to Florida with his friend if they can get passes. I hope they can't there is some more of my selfishness but I can't bear the thought of his going hunting anywhere. -- Gene has just come home and says BOB did not get off till six o'clock." 13 14

JULIA completes her letter with a detailed list of the gifts received by the family at Christmas:

"We had a pleasant Christmas it was quiet but we all did pretty well I will try to tell you what we had Uncle R was best off. Aunt A gave him a rubber coat BOB gave him a pair of gloves Julia gave him a whist broom and a necktie and I gave him a cane Uncle R. gave Aunt A. a china soup ladle BOB gave a hall lamp Julia gave her a cap and I made her a pin cushion. Uncle R. gave BOB a book. Aunt A. gave him a basket of fruit Julia gave him a little wall bracket and a napkin ring I gave him a frame for Georgie's picture they had had some taken for Christmas. Uncle R. gave J. a $2½ gold piece. Aunt A gave her a dress BOB gave her some handkerchiefs I got some fringe and finished her mat. Uncle R. gave me $2½ gold piece Aunt A gave me a red flannel petticoat BOB gave me a very nice frame for your picture and we have it hung over the mantle in our room so we can see it the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night. J. gave me a napkin ring and a little nigger baby for a pen wiper a cute little thing and we have had lots of fun with him I call him "Primus" Georgia had a lot of things and we all had Christmas cards. Uncle R sent you a card did you get it." 2 1 4 12

In 1886, the frequency of JULIA's letters to her mother drops to one a month; that is, until April. The first one, written on 19 January 1886, shows JULIA in the new role of a "working girl": 6

"I am at the bindery today "gathering the Directory" and as I am a way ahead I said I would write to you.

I was up here all last week helping and will be here all this week. Uncle ROBERT says tell Papa I am to run the bindery when he retires. I can gather, stitch, perferate, stab, number and turn the cutting machines -- I aint "stuck" on this work "no how" I have to get to soon in the morning and work too steady all day." 2,3

Her second letter of the year dated 23 February 1886 revives the old story:

"BOB has not come yet."

but she writes of other news:

"Julia wore her Christmas dress last Sunday for the first time and I, I, I, made the button-holes eleven of um I tell you I am getting to be a right smart button hole worker" 4

1 March brings another letter, another week, but the same BOB:

"Another week has passed without bringing my BOB, we heard from him Saturday he is having such a nice time has been down the river to Florida hunting for a week"

Then she turns to thoughts of home:

"I thought Aunt Fannie would have been able to have stayed longer so I could have seen her for she was my pet Aunt. I'll soon be with you all only three months more to wait." 15

Aunt Fannie, Sarah Frances Cleland, wife of James Richmond and sister of JULIA CLELAND, had traveled from her home in East Portland, Oregon for a rare and joyful reunion with her five sisters in the East.

JULIA finishes her letter with recollections of events around the time of her paternal grandmother's death back in November 1870. 5

"Last night Aunt AMANDA brought out some letters one from you about a week before Grandmother died and one from Maggie three weeks after Grandmother died describing every little thing connected with her death and I was very much interested in it all for I seemed to remember everything you both said was done even to the singing of Christmas carols -- I had not thought of those childhood days for so long a time -- Maggie's letter seemed like a story; how Edgar started off with the telegraphin without overcoat mittens comforter or blanket how Emma made the mustard plaster for Grandmothers relief but Maggie did not know she went into the salt pail for the mustard in her excitement neither did she know that while Cle had been sent on an 1,6 5,14 16 17

errand and Wallie and I were left alone in the kitchen Emma 18
thretened us with nobody knows what if we dared to move or talk
above a whisper."

The final letter of this series JULIA wrote on 13 April 1886:

"Yesterday morning I worked the button holes in my new basque
fifteen just think of it, me, I, working button holes in my
own dresses -- well I commenced at the bottom and by the time I
had made one I felt very much like weeping but I kept at it un-
til I began to make them quite nicely and a nice long letter
from BOB cheered me on my way so that the last one was done by
dinner time. you know I made the button holes in Julia's last 4
new dress, but the material did not fray as my dress did so I
did not mind it so much and then there were only twelve. --

Julia and her Mother are cleaning the dining room and Aunt A. 4,1
room and of course I am not counted in the picnic and I feel
sort o' queer for Julia and her mother are not in the most ami-
able mood toward each other today I declare the way they rangle
and holler at each other is awful I think Julia ought to be a-
shamed of the way she talks to her Father and Mother. it beats 2,1
all I ever did and I know I have not been over respectful for
which I am very much ashamed when I think of it for now I see
how it appears, but you never talked to any of us as Aunt A
talks. Julia is very amiable to me we have not had one quarrel
This is how I avoid it, if in our conversation we are beginning
to disagree I sail off up stairs and find some thing to do till
I can come back in good humor. Julia don't know this but thinks
I go up stairs to pout better pout than have a war of words
what say you? I don't pout though BOB thinks my plan a good
one but says I ought to settle Julia once in a while very often
she is in the wrong but I would not quarrel with her for the
world, so we keep in a happy, giggling, state all the while

We have some white neighbors at last, and Church people too Mr.
Jarvis, and wife and brother, they live on the next block near
Collins st. I called there yesterday, they are English Mr.
Jarvis sings in St. Luke's Choir. they are the only white folks
on Cain St. from Collins St. to the branch except Mrs. Stanford
who keeps the store near us and a woman and two young women who
keep a house of ill fame, they are right next to the Jarvis's
and they are going to try to get them away.

We do not know whether JULIA went north to visit or not but the
complete lack of a letter or even a reference to her do support
an assumption that she did go back to Squaw Brook Farm. The first
news is from JULIA CLELAND in a letter dated 13 February 1887 to 6
JULIA who is again in Atlanta at 122 East Cain Street.

"I can assure you I have felt much relieved to learn, by your
late letters that you are so much better; as you call yourself,
well. I had feared it would be a long time before you should
quite recover - and now, I think you must not risk too much
walking or standing for a time, and be extremely careful about
exposing yourself to take cold. --

Between ourselves, I can see clearly, one inducement for you to

stay there at present, - you can make a little money for yourself, in a quiet unobtrusive way, and the satisfaction that will be to you, may make up in part for BOB's absence and for your coming home now. --

Tell me the name of BOB's horses again. I don't see in the New Orleans lists a single name I know as yet."

Nothing was said concerning the nature of JULIA's illness except that her mother's expression of thanks to Julia B. for her nursing care implies that she was sick while in Atlanta. It is known that JULIA did have a mastectomy but not whether that was the time or place. The first news from JULIA on 1 March 1887 assures us that she has recovered sufficiently to resume her work at the bindery. 6,4

"It rained Saturday so I could not go to the bindery to do my perforating and I went yesterday. I did Michigan, there was four hundred sheets to be perforated -- I like the work now, I am used to it - I can do each State in one day."

JULIA's next two letters to her mother repeat the same lament concerning BOB's absence; the first written on 21 March 1887 and the second on 28 March 1887: 6

"The time seems to pass so slowly till BOB shall come to me he run two of his horses last week, Romp and Dollie C and both were third. --

the darkies all like me I am known as the pretty Miss Julia"

"Only three weeks more and BOB will be here if he is coming atal"

There follows an indirect inference that, due to ROBERT's failure in health, the bindery is being sold, that AMANDA will become a storekeeper and that JULIA will help serve the customers. Apparently, all the news of this event was reported by JULIA to her sister, Maggie, whose comments in reply are all we know about it: the first comment dated 29 April 1887 and the second, 9 May 1887: 2 1 14

"So you are all really going into business after all: I thought they would not do anything about it until they sold the bindery. I don't believe you are fit to stand around on your feet."

"-- find you have begun storekeeping"

By early summer, JULIA returned home to Squaw Brook Farm. We learn this news from her brother, Edgar, writing from Wichita, KS to JULIA CLELAND: 16 6

"I see by your last letter to John that JULIA has come home to spend the summer" 11

On 8 September 1887, John wrote from Emporia, KS to his mother: 11,6

"Am glad JULIA is with you and will likely stay all Winter"

JULIA did not return to Atlanta. After her uncle-father-in-law died in Atlanta on 5 January 1888, her stay in the north was confirmed by the letter to JULIA written by Julia B. from Atlanta on 31 January 1888: 2 4

> "We did not think you would make any change in your dress as you were way up there, but of course that is according to your own feelings. ---
>
> Rec'd ltr. fm ROB last Friday - The first since he left us. Said he was well and there wasn't any news to write. I hope he has written to you he certainly ought to. One thing that may be an excuse to himself is that his funds are very low for he was quite hard up when he was home."

We do not know whether JULIA went down to Atlanta late in the spring of 1888 or whether BOB came north but some time in May or June, WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD was conceived. It is certain that JULIA was north by December 1888. Anna Belle Cartter, John Edwin Messerve's second wife, wrote from Emporia, KS to JULIA CLELAND on 20 December 1888: 20 19,11 6

> "How fortunate that JULIA is there to shoulder some of the work and help wait on the sick babies"

The "sick babies" she referred to were Maggie's children. 14

WYNFIELD was born to JULIA on 15 February 1889 at Squaw Brook Farm in North Haledon, NJ, 35 days after his grandfather's death. 20 3

All of our news for the rest of the year comes from Kansas. On 29 April 1889, Anna Belle, writing from Emporia to JULIA CLELAND, said: 19

> "So JULIA (may I call her that) has a baby how are they getting along - nicely I hope"

John E. wrote from Emporia to his mother on 15 September 1889: 11

> "I am sorry that JULIA is in no better health"

but better news follows in his next letter on 10 November 1889: 11

> "glad to hear that JULIA has recovered"

On or about 11 June 1890, JULIA CLELAND began her trip to the West to visit her sons and their families and other relatives. JULIA kept her well informed of news at home, at Squaw Brook Farm. Her first letter was on 10 July 1890: 6

> "Yesterday I cleaned out both heneries. WYN and his Papa got along fine well he just cling to BOB all the time and would sit on his lap and not do anything. I have been rocking WYN to sleep in my arms since I weaned him. 20
>
> Tues 8th BOB has gone to Saratoga for two months.
>
> I am going to Hoboken next week if I get WYNNIES dress made."

WYN so detested the nickname "Wynnie" that he expressed annoyance (probably feigned) when, in his honor, his second grandson born 21
11 August 1949 was named WYNFIELD. Except for rare instances, the new WYN was spared from the "horror".

We do not know when BOB arrived at Squaw Brook Farm but it appears from the nature of the reference to BOB that his visit was a short one.

JULIA's next letter was written on 14 July 1890:

"What a pleasant time you're having and I hope you will make 6
the most of it and not be thinking of rushing all round and back again as if it was N.Y. you were at.

I had a nice letter from Elsie,Frid, the razors got there all 22
safe and "the dress fits to perfection" Elsie said. She said you would get her some waists when you came home, I always wanted to get them for her but waited till I should know whether Elsie would care for Zell to wear them, now shall I send them 23
right away or is it better to wait till fall. My dress is finished and I am going to wear it to Paterson this morning.

I wrote yesterday morning to Uncle William I promised to keep 9
him posted as to you and your where a bouts."

Another letter follows on 20 July 1890:

"Maggie is still at her cleaning and once in a while I give her 14
a lift but I have been so close at my sewing I have not had much time to help any one.

We each do our own washing, and so far I have been able to help Maggie a little with hers by hanging some up or putting clothes on the grass or getting water, so that she has gotten along pretty well.

We were so overgrown here that Fri I took the sickle and garden scissor and cut us away abit.

10 PM When I went to dinner I learned that Theo had to go to 24
Passaic and had invited Maggie to go with him, so that meant me clear away the dinner and bake a batch of bread get the tea ready and over and children to bed before they came home. WYN 20
and Albert were asleep Margie and Mattie in bed and far from 25,26
asleep and I washing dishes when they came quarter of eight. 13
Tomorrow if pleasant Dora and her Mother are going to Paterson 27,14
and leave the baby with me. 28

I am going to Hoboken Thurs of this week if nothing happens, 29
then I will go to 2206 for a day or two go to see Aunt Maria and if all goes smoothly I will go to Hempstead then I can see Lizzie and the "little wonderful" 30,31

2206 7th Avenue, New York City is the home of Meta Cleland Woods. 32

Her next letter to JULIA CLELAND was started on 29 July 1890 and 6

finished the next day. JULIA had to cancel her plans to go to Hoboken and New York City because WYN was sick and the weather too hot but she had some news for her mother: 20 6

"I have been able to square up with the Dr. and get a great many necessary things for WIN and myself too for BOB has been very good, but he has not ridden one race this Summer he could not get his weight down.

Wed 30th I had to stop writing last for my pen was rusty and so was I for I had been washing part of two days and my leg troubles me a good deal. I have quite a large ironing to be done but I am doing nothing but lying around and nurse my leg.

The only real piece of excitement I have to write about is the killing of that worrisome rat of Maggies two o'clock Monday 14
morning I was awakened by what I thought was a rat and sure enough I saw a rat walk out of the closet under the garret stairs and go out in the hall. I was scared nearly out of my senses but I had just enough to put on my shoes which I did but the first step I took the old fellow scampered down stairs I went back to bed and in less than a minute I heard him coming back through the walls I shut the closet door and the foolish fellow came in the closet and there I had him I had to keep awake the rest of the night to keep him from gnawing out he climbed up and down and did not seem to be able to find his way out Theo and Maggie came up about six o'clock we shut the doors 24,14
let the rat out of his trap and killed him

Dora and I are going for some blackberries now -- we were gone 27
just one hour and brought home 3 quarts of berries"

The next letter to our western traveler was dated 10 August 1890.

"Theo went to Philadelphia last Thurs. I went down with him in 24
the morning and brought Bess back, changed her to the carriage and took all the children but Willie for a ride -- they enjoyed 28
it very much The next day I took the horse to the stable for Theo to come home with, I then did a little shopping came up in the car and walked home I got the waists for Zell and sent 23
them I wrote to Elsie last night I still have the eleven 22
young chickens -- but the hens have died off till we only have 8 and two roosters

Maggie and I have each made a nice little batch of blackberry 14
jelly there is quite a good many wild grapes I gather a few the other day and made a little sweetmeats. The sickels, sheldons and bartlets seem to be very good and so are the grapes but except for the green apples which are very small the only apples I have seen are the crabs, a few quinces and that is the extent of the fruit crop.

I caught two small rats in a mouse trap the other day.

I have my challis all done but finishing buttons, button holes, pocket, etc. then comes Maggie's and my black calico skirt, two
gingham dresses for WINNIE, one for Margie then deep into the 20,26
unbleached muslin for me and canton flannel for drawers for

WINNIE. I will send you scraps of WINNIE's dresses the larger plaid is to be worn with a guimpe of the plain blue and he will also have a white guimpe did I tell you I had made his pink shambray I was going to get some black and white calico and make myself a waist to wear with my black calico skirt -- but I had so much sewing on hand that I got desperate an bought one it is very nice and I can wear it away from home. I paid $1.30 for it it was a big price but I am going to get while I can all that is necessary." 20

It is likely a few definitions will make the last letter more meaningful:

challis - lightweight soft clothing fabric made of cotton, wool or synthetic yarns.
calico - cheap cotton fabric with figured patterns.
gingham - clothing fabric of yarn dyed cotton in plain weave
muslin - plain woven sheer to coarse cotton fabric
flannel - wool, worsted or cotton fabric napped on one side.
guimpe - blouse worn under a jumper or pinafore
chambray - lightweight clothing fabric with colored warp and white filling yarns. (JULIA misspelled it)

JULIA's next letter to her mother was dated 20 August 1890: 6

"Last Tues morn I went down with Charlie in time to get the 7,20 train for New York -- went to 2206 got there just as Aunt Eliza had commenced to set the table for dinner I stayed there till four o'clock got the 4.55 train, the 6.00 o'clock car and arrived at Squaw Brook a little after 7 33

BOB is discouraged he has not made anything at Saratoga this summer at all"

The final letter to JULIA CLELAND during her western trip was written on 25 September 1890. 6

"I have not much news except my old man has gone south as far as Washington, thence to Agusta, Geo. he was up here last Friday night, left Sat morning and expected to leave Jersey City 9.30 Sunday night.

My regards to the Siver folks."

This is the last time that we read of any reference to BOB by JULIA. The news of BOB's return to the south got across the country. On 2 January 1891, Fanny Cleland wrote from East Portland, OR, to her sister, JULIA: 15

"and was afraid JULIA too would find it necessary to go to her southern home"

JULIA was still at Squaw Brook on 16 February 1891 when she wrote to her mother who was visiting relatives in New York City, about WYN's birthday party the day before.

On 11 February 1890, JULIA's brother John, writing from Emporia, KS, to his sister, Maggie, stated:

"I have noticed for a good many months that no mention had been made about ROB and concluded that he staid away because he wanted to and that things were not running along smoothly for some reason or other."

From a letter written by AMANDA at Atlanta on 16 February 1892 to JULIA CLELAND, we hear: 16

"ROBBIE's arm is improving slowly he was sick three days last week but is better so he is out again"

The next news was printed in the Atlanta Journal on 30 November 1892:

"SUICIDE OF A JOCKEY

(Special to the Journal)

Columbus, Ga., November 30. - BOB MAYNARD, the well known jockey, committed suicide here this morning by shooting himself through the heart. Tom Grimes, one of MAYNARD's friends, was reading a letter to him at the time concerning some property he had sold in southwest Georgia. No cause for suicide is known.

MAYNARD's body will leave for Atlanta by the 3 p.m. train."

A subsequent article was printed in the Atlanta Journal the following day, Thursday, 1 December 1892:

"MR. MAYNARD'S FUNERAL

THE REMAINS REACHED ATLANTA THIS MORNING

He will be buried tomorrow Afternoon from St. Lukes Cathedral

Mr. BOB MAYNARD, whose tragic death was recorded in yesterday's JOURNAL, will be buried in Atlanta.

The remains reached Atlanta this morning.

The funeral will occur tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. The service will be preached in St. Luke's cathedral.

THE JOURNAL has been asked to correct some wild and erroneous reports which have been published concerning the manner in which MR. MAYNARD met his death.

MR. MAYNARD's family state that his wife is in New Jersey and could not possibly have been present when the shooting occurred. He was not drinking as he expected to enter a horse in a race that afternoon. It is claimed that the shooting was purely accidental as he was playing with a pistol while a friend was reading a letter to him.

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The inscription on his gravestone in Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, GA, identifies ROBERT's birthdate and place of birth as 18 October 1854, New York.

From her home in Hamilton, OH, Mary C. Howells wrote to JULIA CLELAND on 21 January 1893: 34 6

"I hope the news from JULIA are more encouraging now, as to her health - How very sad for her to be widowed so early in life before their child has grown up" 20

It is apparent that JULIA did spend a short time in Atlanta after BOB's death, presumably to settle his estate. On 15 February 1893, Julia Barron Maynard wrote to JULIA who had returned to Squaw Brook: 4

"It is two weeks since you left us. He (Mr. Burch) bought the race horse -- everything in shape except your signature as receiving the specific amount as a legacy. We were sorry you were so sick when you got home"

On 9 July 1893, Elsie West wrote from her home in Bussy, IA, to JULIA CLELAND: 22 6

"Cle sent me JULIA's letter to read. She said she would write me soon -- Tell her I have not seen WINNIE's photo yet but Cle said he was a fine boy -- we always associate WINNIE and Zell" 17 20 23

Zell was born about a month after WYN.

The only other news we have of JULIA this year is from a letter written by Nettie Warren Rue, on 21 November 1893, to JULIA CLELAND: 35 6

"Sorry to hear that JULIA had been so sick."

JULIA CLELAND was visiting with her sister, Eliza, in New York City, when JULIA wrote to her on 7 February 1893, from Squaw Brook: 6,33

"We get up about 7 o'clock get our breakfast feed chickens get coal, wood, water & oil if needed carry down ashes, slops etc. tidy up the rooms sit down to the machine and sew till it is time for dinner, that over and cleared up down I sit at sewing again till six o'clock then chickens eggs supper, then comes a story to be read or told to WYN, he goes to bed then I do as I d--n please sew read write or go to bed some times I do "all both" " 20

The ownership of Squaw Brook Farm was transferred to JULIA by her sister, Maggie, and children, on 25 January 1911, according to the Indenture reproduced on the following three pages. 14

JULIA was an active member of the State Grange during the teens and twenties. A reduced copy of the certificate of her investiture on 19 January 1914, with the "Degree of Flora" follows four pages forward.

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This Indenture,

Made the twenty fifth *day of* January *in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and* Eleven

Between Margaret C. Leonhard, Widow, Dora Leonhard, Madeline Leonhard, Margaret V. Leonhard, Albert C. Leonhard and Annie his wife, William C. Leonhard and Helen, his wife 14,27 13,26 25,40 28,41

of the City *of* Passaic *in the County of* Passaic *and State of* New Jersey *party of the first part;*

And Julia Putnam Maynard, (widow)

of the Borough *of* North Haledon *in the County of* Passaic *and State of* New Jersey *party of the second part;*

Witnesseth, *That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of*

One Dollar

to them *duly paid before the delivery hereof, have granted, remised, released and forever quit-claimed, and by these presents do grant, remise, release and forever quit-claim to the said party of the second part, and to* her heirs *and assigns,* All that certain *tract or parcel of land and premises, hereinafter particularly described, situate, lying and being in the* Township *of* Manchester *in the County of* Passaic *and State of* New Jersey

BEGINNING at a point formed by the intersection of the center line of the Squaw Brook Road with the center line of the old High Mountain road, and running thence (1) along the center of the old High Mountain road on a course North nineteen degrees fifty one minutes West one hundred and seventy six and sixty three hundredths feet to a bend; thence (2) still along the same on a course North three degrees thirty four minutes West seventy two and fifty hundredths feet; thence (3) on a course North eighty six degrees eight minutes East three hundred and twenty one and eighty seven hundredths feet to the center of the Squaw Brook Road; thence (4) along the center of said road on a course South twenty six degrees thirty seven minutes West two and twenty eight hundredths feet to a bend in the same and thence (5) still along the same on a course South forty four degrees thirty minutes West three hundred and sixty four and sixty eight hundredths feet to the center of the old High Mountain Road and the place

of BEGINNING. Containing nine hundred and thirty nine thousandths Acres.

The said Margaret C. Leonhard being the widow and Dora Leonhard, Madeline Leonhard, Margaret V. Leonhard, Albert T. Leonhard and William C. Leonhard being five of the children and heirs at law of G. Theodore Leonhard, deceased. 14,27 13,26 25,28 24

with the appurtenances and all the estate, right, title and interest,

of the said party of the first part, therein, To Have and to Hold, *the above mentioned and described premises, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part,* her heirs *and assigns forever.*

And *the said party of the first part, do for* themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators *covenant and grant to and with the said party of the second part,* her heirs and Assigns, that they *the said party of the first part ha* ve not done, caused, suffered or procured to be done, any act, matter or thing, whereby the title of the said party of the second part, of, in, and to the above granted, bargained and described Land and Premises, or any part thereof can or may be charged, charged, altered or defeated in any way whatsoever.

In Witness Wherof, *the said party of the first part ha*ve hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

Eugene H. Hart

Margaret C. Leonhard 14

Dora Leonhard 27

Madeline Leonhard 13

Margaret V. Leonhard 26

Albert T. Leonhard 25

Annie Leonhard 40

William C. Leonhard 28

Helen Leonhard 41

This is to Certify that

No. 64298

Julia P. Maynard

Has been duly Invested with the

DEGREE OF FLORA,

Order of The Patrons of Husbandry.

at the 41 Annual Session of the STATE GRANGE of N. J. and that the number and date of this Certificate are recorded in the Office of the Secretary of the NATIONAL GRANGE. and her name enrolled as a SIXTH DEGREE Member of that Order

Given at Washington D. C. this 2 day of Jan 14

Oliver Wilson Master National Grange

Secretary National Grange

Master State

Ne Varietur

The following article appeared in "The Haledon Record" on 11 April 1930:

"Mrs. JULIA P. MAYNARD will attend the Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution to be held in Washington, D.C. during the week of April 14 to 19."

On 10 April 1935, JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE died. The next day, the following article appeared in one of the Paterson, NJ. papers:

Mrs. Maynard's Rites Saturday

"The many friends of Mrs. JULIA PUTNAM MAYNARD were shocked to learn of her sudden death at 1:30 a.m. yesterday after suffering a heart attack on Tuesday. While visiting at the home of her son last week, she attended several organization meetings in the borough and appeared to be in the best of health and spirits.

She was stricken at the home of her niece, Miss Margaret V. Leonhard, of 329 Lafayette avenue, Passaic, where she had been living since the death of her sister, Mrs. G. Theodore Leonhard. 26 14

Mrs. MAYNARD was born in Hoboken in 1863 and was the daughter of JOHN JACOB MESSERVE and JULIA CLELAND, both formerly of New York City. She came to North Haledon when a child and spent her life here. In 1885 she married ROBERT M. MAYNARD of Atlanta, Ga. 3,6

The passing of Mrs. MAYNARD is keenly felt in North Haledon because of her active interest in the civic, educational and religious affairs of the community. She was a leader of recognized ability and was instrumental in founding a number of public welfare organizations. Her spirit of cooperation and willingness to serve won her the admiration and the esteem of her many friends and associates.

Mrs. MAYNARD was an active member of St. Mary's Episcopal church in Haledon until a few years ago when she transfered her membership to the first Presbyterian church of North Haledon, where she became a charter member and taught in the church school. She was a member of the Garret A. Hobart Chapter of the D.A.R., president of the North Haledon Public Library association, active member of the Passaic County Tuberculosis league, formerly a member of Franklin grange and later secretary and officer of North Haledon grange and secretary of Pomona grange.

Mrs. MAYNARD is survived by one son, WYNFIELD J. MAYNARD, of North Haledon: four grandchildren, WILLIAM B., Marjory M., Arthur F., and Robert W. MAYNARD: two brothers, Cleland Messerve and Edgar B. Messerve, who reside in the West: and several nieces and nephews. 20 36,37 38,39 17,16

Funeral services will be conducted at the home of her son, WYNFIELD J. MAYNARD, on Squaw Brook Road, North Haledon, on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. Thomas De Lawrence officiating. Internment will follow at Laurel Grove cemetery."

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THE NATIONAL GRANGE OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY

In recognition of twenty five years continuous membership in the Grange this certificate is issued to Julia D. Maynard

whose name is enrolled in the permanent records of the New Jersey *State Grange as one of the Silver Star Builders of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry*

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Issued by the authority of the National Grange at Washington, D. C. this twenty-third *day of* May *19* 32

Louis J. Taber
NATIONAL MASTER

Harry A. Caton
NATIONAL SECRETARY

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MAYNARD 1
3-3(5)

1	AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	5 & 9;4-1(3)	mother
2	ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;4-4(9)	father
3	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	uncle--father-in-law
4	Julia Barron Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(4)	sister
5	DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER	19;5-1(4)	maternal grandmother
6	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	aunt--mother-in-law
7	Robert Reed	1;4-4(9),3(1),2( )	nephew
8	Mary Tallulah Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(1)	half-sister
9	William Edwin Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(2)	uncle
10	Julia Cleland Woods	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(1)	cousin
11	John Edwin Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2)	(J) brother
12	Georgie		
13	Madeline Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(3)	niece
14	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	(J) sister
15	Sarah Frances Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(5)	(J) aunt
16	Edgar Barron Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(4)	(J) brother
17	Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5)	(J) brother
18	Wallace Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(7)	(J) brother
19	Anna Belle Cartter	W5;4-2(4),3(2)	sister-in-law
20	WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;2-2(1)	son
21	WYNFIELD MAURER MAYNARD	1;1-1(1),0(3)	great grandson
22	Elsie West	W5;4-2(4),3(5)	sister-in-law
23	Zell Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5),2(1)	niece
24	G. Theodore Leonhard	H5;4-2(4),3(1)	brother-in-law
25	Albert Theodore Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(5)	nephew
26	Margaret Verena Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(4)	niece
27	Dora Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(1)	niece
28	William Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(6)	nephew
29	Maria Gifford Maynard	1;5-5( ),4(10)	(R) aunt
30	Elizabeth Peers	W10;5-2( ),4(5),3(1)	wife of cousin G.Tatem
31			
32	Meta Cleland Woods	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(6)	(J) cousin
33	Eliza Howard Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(3)	(J) aunt
34	Mary Silliman Coggeshall	20;6-2( ),5(9),4(3)	1st cousin once rem'vd
35	Nettie Warren Rue	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(1),2(1)	(J) 1cous.1 rmvd
36	WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD	1;1-1(1)	grandson
37	Marjorie Messerve Maynard	1;2-2(1),1(2)	granddaughter
38	Arthur Frederick Maynard	1;2-2(1),1(3)	grandson
39	Robert Wynfield Maynard	1;2-2(1),1(4)	grandson
40	Annie MacLagan	W5;4-2(4),3(1),2(5)	wife of nephew Albert
41	Helen Edwards	W5;4-2(4),3(1),2(6)	wife of nephew William

Your loving Daughter
Julia P. Maynard.

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1;4-4;(9) 15 ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD b. 30 May 1817 New York, NY age 26 d. 5 Jan 1888 Oakland Cem. age 70 Atlanta, GA	Lucinda Elliott (1) b. 7 Jul 1824 Bledsoe County, TN m. 20 Jun 1843 Dahlonega, GA age 18 d. 1 Aug 1849 age 25
3(1) Mary Tallulah Maynard b. 5 April 1844 Athens, GA m. 16 Mar 1864 Atlanta, GA age 19 d. age	Samuel P. Reed b. age d. age
2(1) Robert Reed b. age d. age	 b. age d. age
2(2) Ella Reed b. age d. age	 b. age d. age
2(3) Jessie Reed b. age d. age	 b. age d. age
2(4) b. age d. age	 b. age d. age

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1;3-3;(5) 7
ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD
b.18 Oct 1854 New York, NY

age 31
d.30 Nov 1892 Oakland Cem
age 38 Atlanta, GA

5;3-1;(6) 8
JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE
b.24 Jul 1863 Hoboken, NJ

m.25 Oct 1885 St. Mary's Ch.
age 22 Haledon, NJ
d.10 Apr 1935 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 71 Paterson, NJ

1;2-2;(1) 3
WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD
b.15 Feb 1889 North Haledon, NJ

age 24
d.15 Dec 1954 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 65 Paterson, NJ

3;2-1;(7) 4
NATHALIA ELIZABETH BENZ
b.10 Sep 1889 Haledon, NJ

m.25 Jun 1913 St. Mary's Ch
age 23 Haledon, NJ
d.16 Mar 1964 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 74 Paterson, NJ

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WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD 1;2-2(1) NATHALIA ELIZABETH BENZ 3;2-1(7)

From Emporia, KS, we are introduced to WYN, in North Haledon, NJ, by Anna Belle Messerve in her letter of 29 April 1889 to her mother-in-law, JULIA CLELAND: 1 2

"So JULIA (may I call her that) has a baby how are they getting along — nicely I hope ----" 3

WYN was born on 15 February 1889 at Squaw Brook Farm, North Haledon, 35 days after the death of his paternal grandfather. 4

Again from the west, Elsie West mentions WYN briefly in her letter from Minburn, IA, dated 21 December 1889, to JULIA CLELAND: 20 2

"Does JULIA's baby get around everywhere? I would like so much to have a letter from some of you and hear all about the little one" 3

JULIA CLELAND was visiting with her sons in the midwest when her daughter, Maggie, wrote to her on 23 June 1890 from Squaw Brook, North Haledon, giving us some early news of WYN: 2,8 9,10 5

"WYNNIE jumps off the bottom step of the stoop, trying to imitate Albert who jumps off the third step — and when Albert climbs up in Syringa bush WYNNIE tries to do same." 6

WYN, my father, told me that he detested the nickname, "WYNNIE", and that that was the reason he expressed annoyance when I named our youngest son, WYNFIELD, in his honor. Dad's fear was unfounded. Our son's nickname was always "WYN". 23 29

Our next reference to WYN is in his cousin, Dora Leonhard's note to her grandmother written from Squaw Brook on 26 June 1890: 7 2

"This afternoon I went up to Mr. Ellis' with Aunt Jerry and WYN." 3

While JULIA CLELAND was in the midwest, JULIA began a series of of letters from Squaw Brook to her mother on 10 July 1890: 2,3

"WYN and his Papa got along well he just clung to BOB all the time and would sit on his lap and not do anything. ---- I have been rocking WYN to sleep in my arms since I weaned him but for two or three days I have just put him to bed and sat by the side of him and sewed or read and he did pretty well. ---- I am going to Hoboken next week if I get WYNNIES dress made" 11

JULIA's next letter, dated 14 July 1890, is filled with news of WYN: 3

"I think WYN has changed a good deal since you went away he seems so old can play right along with the children and yet can't talk, when he tries to say anything he makes all the motions and blabers and seems too full for utterance The other day he and I were sitting by the window Charlie drove up one

of the children went out so I did not move or say a word WYN could see half the horse and he turned around to me and pointing to the horse said "Ta","Ta" I know he meant Charlie for any time since if I say where is Charlie, he will look toward the gate then up the road look distressed and sa(y) "Ta" he says Pa and Ma just as short as you can say it, he does not say Papa at all. When I finally get him to sleep at night which is a long process for I dont rock him any more -- I no more expect to be troubled with him than I would Dora. I speak to him in the night if he is restless I ask if he wants to "sit down" and he signifies he does I attend to him then if he is still restless I offer him a drink of water he sits right up and takes it lies down and goes to sleep again"

In her letter of 20 July 1890, we get a description of fashions of the day for little boys: 3

"I got up early and while WYN still slept I helped M. get breakfast. I have finished WYN's dress and jacket it is light gray flannel mad(e) very much like Albert's red and green dress with a waist and plaited skirt, the sacque is of striped flannel; pincked it is very pretty he will wear it with a white dress or with the gray, I have enough gray flannel left and I am going to make him a saque. ---- You see we say WYN now that is because we call the baby Willie so much" 5 6 12

In JULIA's letter of 29 July 1890, she mentions that WYN was sick for one day but that it made her postpone her plan to take him to New York City and adds: 3

"WINNIE is trying to talk, he will say after up bye for goodbye Pa and Ma he does not say Papa and Mamma, please thank you, up, yes, baby ---- but I'll confess it sounds precious little like what we say."

On 10 August 1890, JULIA writes that: 3

"He has 12 teeth two are only just appearing, ---- WINNIE has had very little trouble with his teeth so far. I don't keep the "fall down" door closed any more WINNIE goes up and down if he wants to, but this morning I went down cellar and left him to follow or not as he chose, and he was so mad he went pitching after me and pitch headlong downstairs and buncked against the hot stove he skinned his nose and got three bumps on his head but I don't think he was much hurt he gets so mad! madder!! maddest!!! but he is a jolly little fellow he has quarrels continuously with the children and sometimes they get the worst of it but the next minute they are loving and kissing him. they take care of him and help him over the high grass or weeds and they swing him in the hammock. I sent by Maggie for a hammock for WINNIE and the children so that Theo's does not need to be used, she paid "1.00 for it and it is very nice. WINNIE will not say Papa but says Pa every time and when I as(k) where's Pa he says "gone,gone" and two or three times he has said "Pa's gone, gone," he says Willie, it sounds very much like it too." 5 13 11 12

The news in her letter of 20 August 1890 is limited to a brief progress report: 3

"I caught WINNIE in the act of jumping off the third step the other day."

JULIA CLELAND had returned home from her trip to the midwest and was away again, this time on a "relative-hopping" tour in the New York City area, when JULIA wrote to her from Squaw Brook on 16 February 1891: 2, 3

"Yesterday, WINNIE's birthday, the folks downstairs came up here to tea. I spread two tables, one for the children and other for the grown folks -- Dora made him a cake and Margie made him the reins Albert gave him a new slate pencil Mattie made his doll a hat & cape Maggie gave him a silver quarter and some buttons for his new dress I put those two bibs as coming from you and the embroidered skirt from me." 7, 30 6, 14 5

On 15 February 1893, WYN's fourth birthday, Julia Barron Maynard wrote to JULIA and added a note for WYN: 15, 3

"I went to the express office to see what it would cost for Monk They said it would be about $2<u>50</u> perhaps a little less or more, that is what I thought Mamma says she will pay the express you pay it and let me know what it is for they don't know enough to charge correctly from here to Paterson It is best for Monk to come there for as soon as we have a chance to sell the house we will be broken up and then he will have no home, and as WYNN loves him and wants him he ought to have him. - so with much love to all and a kiss for my captain 31

My Dear little Captain

Wouldn't you like to see me to day for I would like to be there with you for today is your birthday. Last Sunday I went to Church and sat in the pew all by myself and thought of my little captain all the time I expect the choir boys missed you too

When your uncle Wallie was 4 years old I gave him 4 pennies but as you are so far off I can't send you 4 pennies in a letter so I will send you a 5 cent piece and that will be one for good measure." 16

A picture of WYN and Monk follows on the next page:

Cleland Messerve mentions WYN in his letter written from Emporia, KS, to his mother on 11 June 1893: 10, 2

"Your letter & picture of WYN recd to-day, also my <u>usual</u> Sunday letter from Elsie. ---- The picture is very pretty he must be a fine looking boy, & you must be very proud of him." 20

Elsie follows with her letter to JULIA CLELAND, written from Bussey, IA, dated 9 July 1893: 20, 2

"Tell her (JULIA) I have not seen WINNIE's phto yet but Cle 3, 10

18 Oct 1894

1;2-2(1) 3
WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD
b.15 Feb 1889 North Haledon, NJ

m.25 Jun 1913 St. Mary's Church,
age 24 Haledon, NJ
d.15 Dec 1954 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 65 Paterson, NJ

said he was a fine boy ---- We always associate WINNIE and Zell" 21

We learn that WYN was taken on a visit with relatives from Nettie 17
Warren Rue who added a note to the letter from Jessie, written 18
from Hempstead, L.I., on 21 November 1893, to JULIA CLELAND: 2

"Please give WYN lots of love for me I hope he will come back again some time. I shall not forget him."

JULIA CLELAND was tending to her sister Eliza's needs in New York 2,19
City when JULIA wrote to her from Squaw Brook on 7 February 1894: 3

"I wish you could see WYN & Willie each on his own sleigh start 12
from the very top of the side road hill and never stop till they
are over the bridge stearing their sleigh as well as Albert & the 6
rest. The hill is just grand for coasting. Next Thurs is WYN's
birthday I wish you would be here by that time and I will have
all hands from downstairs up to tea."

WYN's grandmother was still with Eliza in New York City when she 2,19
wrote to JULIA on 26 February 1894: 3

"I did not think WYNN was to continue going to school, although he said so - think he must be doing very well, and I guess it is in great measure because he has so nice a little girl for a seat mate, and I am sure she will only approve of his doing what is right and behaving nicely."

We are not told who WYN's seatmate is but she is probably one of the girls in the picture of his schoolmates of 1896 below. His school was "over the fence" from Squaw Brook and is pictured on the next page.

SCHOOL GROUP OF 1896

First Row, Left to Right — Andrew Christopher, Carrie Kaser, Rose Robinson, Wynfield Maynard, Lizzie Kaser.

Middle Row — Louise Ahnert, Sophia Ellis, Mary Robinson Julia Butterworth.

Third Row — George Courter, Lizzie Bogert, Anna Sackerman, Mary Butterworth, Fred Wenzel.

School No. 4, North Haledon, NJ
1896

Elsie West mentions WYN again in her letter from Emporia, KS, dated 17 April 1894, to JULIA: 20,3

"How I wish you could pay us a good long visit I wanted to get acquainted with you and WYN and to have you know our babies" 21,22

For seventh and eighth grade instruction, WYN had to attend School No. 2, in Haledon. It was here that WYN met NATHALIA ELIZABETH BENZ, the girl he would marry some thirteen years later. The only record we have for these two years is WYN's Report Card for the 1900-1901 school year which is reproduced on the following page.

WYN and NATHALIA continued their education together at Paterson High School and were graduated with the Class of 1906. WYN became active in sports, an interest he maintained for the rest of his life. He is pictured two pages forward on the Paterson High School basketball team for the 1905-06 season (on the chair at the right). On the page following he is shown as a member of the "Rubber Five" basketball team for the 1906-07 season. (front row on the floor at the left). His favorite sport was baseball and he played for the North Haledon Team. The picture, (WYN is second from the left on the front row of the steps of his home) unfortunately, is in poor condition. I recall his telling me that he usually was the team 23
catcher and that in one game, he lost some front teeth from a foul tip. From 1919 until I left home in 1931 to attend college, he enjoyed playing baseball with my friends and me. In a game some time during the late twenties we played as opponents, he on the men's team and I with the boys. I remember sliding home from third safely but knocking my father off his feet in doing so, obviously to his amusement. About ten years later, WYN was running to catch a fly in the outfield but stepped in a depression in the field and broke his knee. It never healed properly causing him to limp noticably for the rest of his life. I believe this accident contributed directly to the steady decline in his health afterward.

On 25 June 1913, WYN married his childhood sweetheart, NATHALIA, (always called by her nickname, DOLLY), in St. Mary's Church in Haledon. I believe my mother told me that they went to Washington, D.C., for their honeymoon and returned home with about thirteen cents left. Their first residence together was, I think, in Rochelle Park, NJ. A short time later, they moved to the first of two homes in Woodcliffe-on-Hudson (now part of Palisades Park) where they lived until September, 1919. At that time they moved to "Squaw Brook" in North Haledon, his boyhood home, where he resided until his death in 1954. The following year, NATHALIA sold the house and moved to Ridgewood, NJ, where she stayed until her death in 1964. While in Woodcliff, the first two of their four children were born; I, on 6 May 1914, and my sister, Marjorie, on 11 August 1916. 23 24

After being graduated from high school, WYN worked for an undertaker and then became a silk worker. Later, he became a partner in the firm, Maynard & Rickert, manufacturing knitted neckwear, occupying the Price Mill on Broadway, Paterson. In 1913, he moved to Woodcliff, NJ, and joined E.H. Kluge Weaving Co., West New York, as

To the Parent.

The boys and the girls in the schools will be the men and women of the future, the immortals of eternity. Because of what they will be, the responsibility of parents and teacher is very great. The affections of the parents, naturally centering in the welfare of their children, lead to a desire that they, the objects of their dearest thoughts, may receive the best educational advantages possible.

But no matter how earnestly and persistently the teacher tries to help the pupil, the best results will not be forthcoming unless there is the heartiest co-operation and warmest sympathy between parents, teachers and pupils.

As it is impossible for you to visit the school frequently, this report is sent that you may know how your child is progressing in each study. It will enable you to see how the latest compares with all previous reports, and is intended to be a complete summary of all that pertains to your child's school life this year. Will you not please examine it carefully, sign it promptly and act upon the information given? You will thereby greatly help both your child and the teacher.

Please aid in securing compliance with the rules of the school. This is not only necessary for the best interests of others, but ready obedience to proper authority is a lesson which every child should learn.

Pupils should not only behave properly, but they should acquire the habit of being punctual, regular in attendance, studious, kind, courteous and neat. They should be taught to think of every action as a moral act, tending to form habits and indicating and determining moral character. For the sake of their present and future welfare, kindly help the teacher in all efforts to secure these and other desirable ends

Monthly Reports

OF

Mansfield Maynard

For the School Year

1900-1901.

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MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SCHOOL No. 2.

Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Spelling.	Language or Grammar.	Geography.	U. S. History.	Physiology.	Drawing.	General Average.	Month Ending.	Division of Class.	Year Grade.	Times Tardy.	½ Days Absent.	Effort.	Department.	Signature of Parent.
80	85	80	77	75	73	86	70	65	77	Sept 30	1st	7	0	0	7	3	Julia P. Maynard
80	80	79	90	85	85	94	85	75	84	Oct 31	"	7	2	2	7	W	Julia P. Maynard
85	84	89	70	85	92	96	80	90	81	Nov 30	"	7	0	0	8	3	Julia P. Maynard
84	75	77	85	85	98	80	88	95	83	Dec 31	"	7	2	0	9	3	Julia P. Maynard
90	74	60	82	100	80	99	100	84	87	Jan 31	"	7	0	0	9	3	Julia P. Maynard
83	82	75	80	70	70	68	80	50	74	Feb 28	"	7	0	1	3	3	Julia P. Maynard
80	63	48	71	78	49	76	68	50	72	Mar 31	"	7	0	5	7	3	Julia P. Maynard
87	85	93	70	63	88	55	39	65		Apr 30	"	7	0	0	9	2	
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										June							
										Average for Year.							

NOTES—1. 100, 10, or P. is *Perfect*; 90, 9, or E. is *Excellent*; 80, 8, or G. is *Good*; 70, 7, or F. is *Fair*; 60, 6, or U. is *Unsatisfactory*.
2. Low mark in department generally means wasted time and hindrance to others.
3. Please give careful consideration to anything underscored.

ABSALOM GRUNDY, *Principal*

Helen C. Harris, *Teacher*.

WYNFIELD MAYNARD
Far right - Seated

WYNFIELD MAYNARD
Front left

WYNFIELD MAYNARD
Front row seated
Second from left

manager and accountant, and remained there until he started his own business, The National Woven Label Company, in 1919 in Haledon, NJ, in association with Herman Benz. A picture of WYN (at the right) in the office of E.H. Kluge follows on the next page. 25

In 1924, WYN became a member of the North Haledon Board of Education; was chosen vice-president in 1928 and president in 1929, and held that office until his retirement from the Board in 1942. A reduced copy of the Award presented to him for his services on the Board is two pages forward.

In 1926, WYN founded the Haledon National Bank and was made a director and vice-president when the bank opened for business on 8 May 1926. He was elected president in 1945 and became chairman of the board in 1950.

According to a List of Grand Jurors, WYN served during the April term in 1929.

WYN owned his first car, a 1919 Monroe roadster, shortly after he moved to North Haledon that year. I remember standing on our front 23
porch with my mother and sister waiting for him to drive it home. 24
When he arrived, instead of turning into the driveway, he drove on past the house. I ran out to the road and saw him turning the car around a few hundred feet up the road. His story was that he had forgotten how to stop the car. His next car was a 1921 Overland,then a 1922 Paige followed the next year by a 1923 Chevrolet coupe. In this car, WYN and DOLLY drove to Rochester, NY, where WYN opened some major business accounts. WYN's next car was a Jewett sedan. I'm not sure of the year but it was probably a 1925 model. It had a shade over the back window and vases for flowers on the center post at each side. I think it was in 1927 that he bought the Moon coupe; a beautiful light and dark blue car. His next was the big maroon Diana sedan, a 1929 probably, and the car I learned to drive. The 1931 light blue Hudson sedan followed and later that year, a green and black Essex coupe with a rumble seat for my mother, the only car she ever drove. Beginning in 1933, WYN had a new Buick each year except 1938 until his last car, a 1939 Roadmaster Buick. He drove that car until he died in 1954.

During the early 1930's, DOLLY and WYN went on an extensive organized tour of Canada and the United States by railroad with a group of bankers to attend a bankers convention in Los Angeles, CA. The tour included stops at Banff and Lake Louise in Canada, Vancouver, San Francisco and Los Angeles, and back across the south western part of the United States. Also during the 1930's, they went on a cruise to Bermuda but the pleasure was marred by DOLLY's suffering from sea-sickness beginning their first day out of New York Harbor. In the late 1930's, they travelled to New Orleans to attend a bankers convention there.

NATHALIA became an ardent flower gardener and transformed the rathshabby plot remaining from the old Squaw Brook Farm into a beautiful garden and the old home into an exceedingly attractive one.

E. H. KLUGE WEAVING CO.

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WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD

CIVIC SERVICE AWARD

TO

WYNFIELD J. MAYNARD

The undersigned acknowledge with sincere appreciation the many years of conscientious service rendered Our Public School System. We recognize the generous giving of time, energy, and thought for the Progress, Welfare, and Future of Our Boys and Girls. Therefore, for outstanding civic service this certificate is awarded.

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March 24, 1942

NATHALIA wrote the following article entitled "Effective Garden Needs a Background" which was published in the Paterson Morning Call on 13 February 1929:

THE PATERSON MORNING CALL, TUESDAY, FEB. 19, 1929.

EFFECTIVE GARDEN NEEDS A BACKGROUND

This Achieved Color Harmony Should Be Studied and Worked Out for Best Results—Suggestions for Selections and Lay-out of Scheme—Most Effective Varieties.

A garden, to be most effective, should have a good background. This can be shrubbery, evergreens, the always-good privet hedge, or perhaps a vine-covered fence or trellis.

A good way to find color harmony (suggests a well known authority) is to cut blooming flowers some day out of the entire garden. Select and hold one against another, and you will readily see which combinations are most pleasing; the plants will have the same blooming periods and your garden will bear the stamp of your own individual fancies.

Study the position and exposure of your garden and the quality of your soil, then select a planting that will be most suitable to it. A careful study of reliable seed catalogues will help you determine this. If your garden space is limited, create a few small garden pictures, combining groups of just two or three varieties of plants that bloom together. A little bit of everything might satisfy a plant collector, but it seldom makes a pleasing picture. Mass planting is by far the most effective. Marcissus in a naturalistic planting by the hundreds, or a long drift of the blue forget-me-not are sights not easily forgotten. The forget-me-not (Myosotis) is a perennial but, as it often winterkills, should be treated as a biennial, that is, new plants raised every year for use the following season.

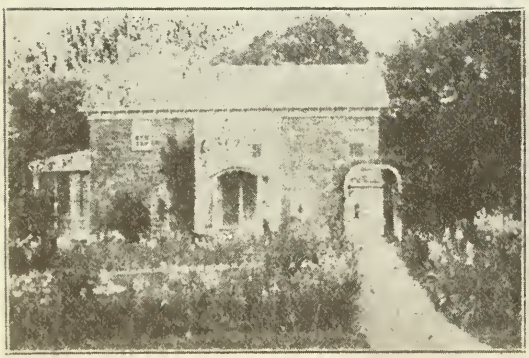
Try clumps of yellow daffodils rising out of low growing ferns—with yellow primroses and blue forget-me-nots. A very delightful combination is an arrangement of iris, pale cream to deep yellow and pale mauve to dark purple with masses of the glorious yellow lemon lily. Coral red Heuchera (Corel-bells), blue phlox divaricata, masses of grey cerastium and pale yellow Columbine. Pansies make ideal ground covers for tulip beds, blue pansies with pink tulip, Clara Butt; deep blue pansies with orange tulip Lucifer or Bronze Queen, and yellow pansies with the black tulip, La Tulipe Noire. Other good ground covers for tulip beds are phlox divaricata, particularly with the pale yellow tulip Miss Ellen Wilmott, and myosotis.

So, with your other garden work this spring, plan one or more "pictures" for next year. Prepare your seed bed, plant your perennial seeds in May, carefully labelling as to kind and color, and in September set out your young plants in your border. In order to have quantities of each, the following are best raised from seed: Delphinium, Myosotis (forget-me-not), Cerastium (snow in summer), Aquilegia (columbine—long spurred), pansies in separate colors, Linum perene (flax), lupine, Arabis and Golden Alyssum (saxatile). It is best to buy plants of the other varieties mentioned. You will feel well repaid for the physical labor and time involved, and remember what Kipling says in his "Glory of the Garden," "No gardens are made by exclaiming 'Oh! how beautiful!' and sitting in the shade."

Picture to yourself a white trellis fence eight feet high and thirty feet long, curtained with drooping branches of the lovely single pink American Pillar rose. Against this softening background, clumps of light and dark blue delphinium and white Madonna lilies with the grey green foliage of Artemesia and other later blooming plants between; for the middle planting groups of blue flax with the soft yellow tulip, Mrs. Moon, and again the flax with the lovely pink tulip Clara Butt, alternate with clumps of the airy, long-spurred Columbine, mauve and white lupine, and one or two plants of the very effective dark blue Baptisia. For the front of the border, tumbling masses of pink and white Arabis, almost hiding the large, irregular stones used for edging; little colonies of golden yellow pansies with the heavenly-blue Grape Hy. conths, golden alyssum and dark purple pansies forming deep shadows between—a picture that will surely lure you on to better gardens next year.

NATHALIA B. MAY[illegible]

A Typical Country Garden



Property of Mrs. W. J. Maynard, North Haledon.

For a number of years, NATHALIA was an active member of the Women's Club of Paterson and was its president when the Club observed its twentieth anniversary on 25 April 1929.

During World War II, WYN served as secretary of the Draft Board Number 1 for upper townships and boroughs of Passaic County. A reduced copy of the Certificate of Appreciation issued to him is shown on the following page.

The following article entitled "Round the Towns in Passaic Valley with Hale Waters" was published in the Paterson Morning Call on 4 November 1948:

WYNFIELD J. MAYNARD

One of North Haledon's outstanding citizens, Wynfield J. Maynard, receives the nod in this column today. He was born and reared in North Haledon, son of a pioneer family of Manchester Township, and resides in the old homestead at High Mountain and Squaw Brook Roads.

Mr. Maynard is prominent in business and industrial circles and has a long record of meritorious public service. He is president of the Haledon National Bank, president of the National Woven Label Company, and former president of the North Haledon Board of Education. Known to his many friends as "Wynn."

He served on the North Haledon Board of Education eighteen consecutive years, is the incumbent chairman of the board of adjustment, a member of the exempt firemen's association, and the North Haledon Library Association. Served as secretary of Draft Board No. 1 for upper townships and boroughs of Passaic County through World War II.

He is the husband of the former Natalie E. Benz, of Haledon. The couple have three sons and a daughter, William, Arthur and Robert, and Mrs. Marjorie Allabough, of Ridgewood. William is associated with his dad in business, and Robert is a law student at Harvard University.

Modesty is one of "Wynn's" leading virtues, and had he known in advance what our questioning was about we doubt if he would have consented to this publicity.

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Beginning in the late 1940's and ending with his death in 1954, WYN was a member of the North Haledon Board of Adjustment and served as chairman for five years. He was a member of the Hawthorne Rotary Club for a number of years. He was a communicant of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Haledon, serving as vestryman and treasurer. For a considerable period, he and DOLLY were members of the choir at both St. Mary's and the Presbyterian Church in North Haledon.

On the occasion of a dinner in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Borough of North Haledon, WYN was honored as one of the pioneer residents of the community. Pictures of the event follows two pages forward:

The President
of the United States of America
has awarded this
Certificate of Appreciation
to

Wynfield J. Maynard

in grateful recognition of uncompensated services patriotically rendered his country in the administration of the Selective Service System for the period of two years.

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Charles Edison
Governor.

Attest:
State Director.

Franklin D Roosevelt

Lewis B. Hershey,
Director.

DSS FORM 22-A (10-13-42) CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION (2) GPO 16—31024-1

ANNIVERSARY DINNER, MARCH 20, 1951

Left to Right—George F. Kearns, Former Mayor; Hon. Mayor Earl Kearns, Reverend Frederick S. Rowland, Edward G. Weiss, Master of Ceremonies; Charles Spinnler, Former Mayor; Hermao Gionti, Geoeral Chairman 50th Anniversary Celebration.

PIONEER RESIDENTS

Seated, Left to Right — Samuel Buser, Sr., Mrs. Alice Fouchaux, Mrs. Cartie Darrow, Wynfield J. Maynard.

Standing — Charles Schmitz, Charles C. Ballentine, D. Ryerson.

A portion of an article written by myself and published in "The Textile Engineer," the alumni magazine of Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science follows. The picture of WYN, my son and myself was taken in October, 1954, two months prior to WYN's death on 15 December 1954.

William M., Wynfield, J., and William B. Maynard shown at left and, below, the National Woven Label Co. in Haledon, N. J.

28,23

From the day in September, 1919, when my mother took me to see the carpenters working on the roof of our little six loom shop until this year when my oldest son, in a summer job, became the first of the third generation to work in our company, I have seen the National Woven Label Company grow from those six looms to one of the largest in the industry—now 86 looms strong. The company was guided into its present position of prominence in the industry by my father, Wynfield J. Maynard

National is equipped to manufacture a complete range of widths of woven lables from 3/8" to 3 1/4" in all standard qualities, weaves and constructions. In addition we manufacture narrow jacquard fabrics for trimmings, suspenders and ecclesiastical vestments in intricate weaves and attractive designs. National is unique in the industry in that our looms, except for the jacquard machines and battens, are entirely of our own design and were constructed on the premises by our own employees and machine-shop facilities.

A ceremony to commemorate the memory of WYNFIELD was held at the National Woven Label Company, Haledon, NJ. A photograph of the event follows on the next page and the text of the newspaper account below:

"The memory of WYNFIELD J. MAYNARD, founder of the National Woven Label Company, of Haledon was commemorated yesterday by employes, directors and members of the Maynard family. Highlight was the unveiling of a portrait of the late Mr. Maynard painted by his son, Arthur F., a well known local artist. Samuel Rosenfeld, 26
designing department foreman, was master of ceremonies. The Rev. Frederick S. Rowland of the North Haledon First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation. Charles Fazio was in charge of arrangements. WYNFIELD, five-year old son of WILLIAM B. MAYNARD, 29,23
drew the curtain to unveil the painting of his grandfather after whom he was named. Seen in the photo left to right are WILLIAM 23
B. MAYNARD, president of the firm; his son, WYNFIELD; Mr. Row- 29
land; Rosenfeld, and Arthur F. Maynard, the artist. The ceremony 26
was arranged so as to take place on what would have been the late Mr. MAYNARD's 66th birthday."

1	Anna Belle Cartter (2)	W5;4-2(4),3(2)	wife of maternal uncle John
2	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	maternal grandmother
3	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	mother
4	ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;4-4(9)	paternal grandfather
5	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	maternal aunt
6	Albert Theodore Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(5)	cousin
7	Dora Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(1)	cousin
8	John Edwin Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2)	maternal uncle
9	Edgar Barron Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(4)	maternal uncle
10	Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5)	maternal uncle
11	ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD	1;3-3(5)	father
12	William Cleland Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(6)	cousin
13	Gottfried Theodor Leonhard	H5;4-2(4),3(1)	husband of maternal aunt Margaret
14	Madeline Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(3)	cousin
15	Julia Barron Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(4)	paternal aunt
16	Wallace Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(7)	maternal uncle
17	Nettie Warren Rue	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(1),2(1)	2nd cousin
18	Jessie		
19	Eliza Howard Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(3)	1st cousin twice removed
20	Elsie West	W5;4-2(4),3(5)	wife of maternal uncle Cleland
21	Zell Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5),2(1)	cousin
22	Helen Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5),2(2)	cousin
23	WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD	1;1-1(1)	son
24	Marjorie Messerve Maynard	1;2-2(1),1(2)	daughter
25	Herman Benz	3;3-2(1),2(5)	(w) brother
26	Arthur Frederick Maynard	1;2-2(1),1(3)	son
27	Robert Wynfield Maynard	1;2-2(1),1(4)	son
28	WILLIAM MESSERVE MAYNARD	1;0-0(1)	grandson
29	WYNFIELD MAURER MAYNARD	1;0-0(3)	grandson
30	Margaret Verena Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(4)	cousin
31	AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	5;4-1(3)	paternal grandmother & maternal grandaunt

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d.15 Dec 1954 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 65 Paterson, NJ

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age 74 Paterson, NJ

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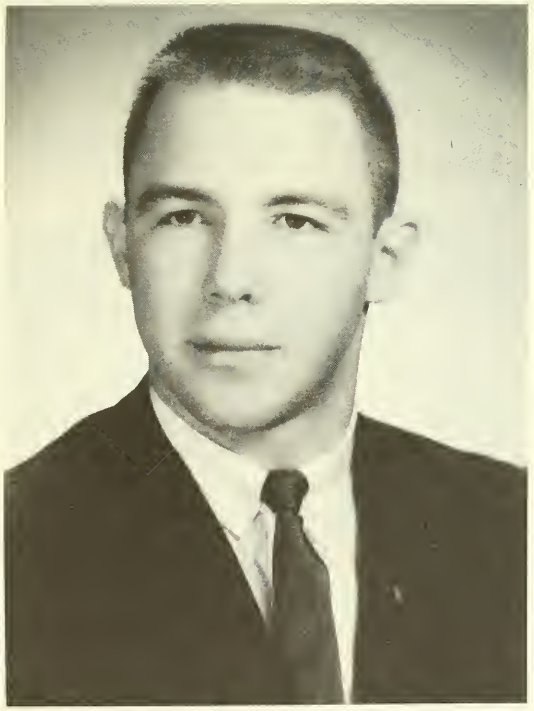

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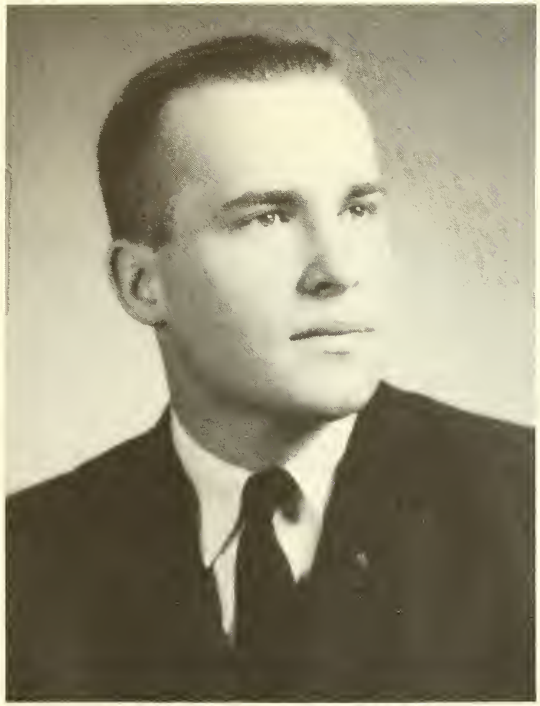

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(A vignette from unpublished history)

WYN, accompanied by his parents, flew from London, England, on Aeroflot, 19 July 1969, for a two week tour of the Soviet Union. The following episode is copied from the article titled "Conversations On Safari", written by Bebe Orzac and published in the Nassau Herald, New York, on 8 January 1970. It began the day of our arrival in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on 30 July 1969 and ended at the airport there on 1 August when we flew back to Moscow. A few corrections to the text are identified by parentheses:

> "WYN (MAYNARD) didn't want to travel with his parents„to Russia during his summer vacation from Schiller College in Bonnigheim, Germany. A slim 19 year old with a Leslie Howard type of blonde good looks, WYN only wanted to fly to California to visit Sally (----), his childhood girlfriend. But Mrs. (MAYNARD), a no-nonsense type, who lived in London with her husband, an executive for an American (consulting) firm, put her foot down.
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> "You're coming with us. A trip to Russia is educational; a lot more important than visiting some girl, at this stage in your young life."

WYN went to California and Russia. We return to Bebe's story:

> "So, the three (MAYNARDS) flew to Moscow, Leningrad, (Kiev) and Tashkent, where I met them quite by accident in the Dollar Store in the hotel (Tashkent). At this time, Mrs. (MAYNARD) was in a portable aluminum wheelchair because of an arthritic knee, but she was determined to enjoy the trip. She had a steely kind of strength behind her blue-eyed open face. She struck up a conversation with me. "These Russians. What a ruse! They get us in the Dollar Store knowing full well that every tourist wants some souvenir of this trip, and then they give us a selection of unmitigated junk. Then, they have the nerve to ask us to pay only in U.S. dollars. Whom do they think they are kidding?
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> As lone Americans in Tashkent, we became good friends during our stay. WYN went everywhere with his parents. I couldn't help noticing how compatible the three (MAYNARDs) were. Each evening at dusk, they would take a leisurely walk through the park opposite our hotel and watch the nuances of colored lights on the fountains."

The following day, we flew to Samarkand. During the morning, we toured Ulegbek Observatory, Shaki Zinda, Bibi-Khanum, Registan and Gurimir Mosques and after lunch, took a walk through the park adjacent to our hotel with the Colemans, a couple from Nuneaton, Warwickshire, England, whom we met on the trip. We stopped during the walk to sit on a bench along the path to enjoy some "people watching", I on the left, then Charles Coleman, Margaret, WYN's mother, Eveline Coleman and finally, WYN. Among the people passing by were two teenaged Uzbek girls in their colorful native dress. They stared at our benchload of foreigners and giggled. As they continued their walk they looked back frequently at us intermingling their observations with mutual discussions obviously in reference to ourselves. About thirty feet up the path to my left, they stopped. One of the girls, the prettier of the two, motioned to me to come to them. I shook my head, "No" but Charles

motioned to them to come to us. After a bit more giggling, they did and the pretty one handed me an essay she had written neatly in English. It was well composed but before I had a chance to finish reading it, the girls had edged along the "receiving line" and sat down with WYN. The second girl could not speak English so she quietly sat out of our story. Now we return to the narrative by Bebe Orzac:

"You are English? No?"

"We're Americans", said Mrs. (MAYNARD).

"Please, may I practise my English on you?, she begged. She was 18 years old, she told them, and a recent high school graduate about to pursue language studies at the local Institute. Her name was Suchra Ismailov. She was a Tadzhik - her parents from Tadzhikistan,one of the Central Asian republics of the USSR. Suchra was slender with a pretty Oriental face, dainty features and a graceful carriage.

"She was terribly interested in talking English to us and she insisted on wheeling me", Mrs. (MAYNARD) told me later.

Nevertheless, Suchra managed to whisper to WYN, "Meet me tomorrow at three in the park."

Unbeknownst to his mother, the next afternoon WYN made an excuse and left the hotel suite to see Suchra. This time she had abandoned her native (Uzbek) black and white striped silk dress for Western garb. As WYN approached the fountains, she ran to him, threw her arms around his neck and wailed (as later repeated to me) "Oh, WYN. You came. I cried for you all night."

WYN was shocked. He had no idea that he was such a devastating Romeo. In America the girls never had reacted like this. He was fascinated. The rest of the afternoon they remained in the park, where Suchra wrote out translations in Russian for WYN. "I love you. Will you come see me some day? Can I visit you in England?"

He excused himself at 5:30 and told his parents of his unusual experience with the Tadzhik girl. That night as the (MAYNARDs) were eating in the restaurant, there was a repeated knocking at the window. There was Suchra, peering in at them. As they left the restaurant the young girl handed Mrs. (MAYNARD) a small bottle of cologne and whispered to WYN to walk behind his parents with her. Mrs. (MAYNARD) confided to me. "I thought she was just anxious to learn English. But we were Mommy Bear and Daddy Bear. It was all directed to WYN."

Suchra pleaded with WYN to visit her home and meet her parents. By now the (MAYNARDs) weren't sure about the whole idea. They had heard stories about spies luring foreigners and they cautioned WYN not to dare to go to Suchra's home. Instead, he sat with her in the park. She showed him a silver locket, and with a quick gesture, slipped the locket over her head, pointed to her heart; then, she put the locket over WYN's head and pointed to his heart and began to weep. A stunned WYN told her they were leaving for (Moscow) the next morning.

Very early the next morning at the hotel, the group on the tour assembled to take the bus ride to the airport. Suchra joined us. Every seat on the bus was filled so Suchra sat on his lap for the long ride. While we were waiting at the terminal to board the plane, she and WYN disappeared. As boarding approached we became increasingly worried but with only minutes to spare, they returned - WYN carrying a huge bunch of flowers, his face as red as the bouquet, and Suchra on his arm. Now back to Bebe's account:

"At 6 am as I sat with the (MAYNARDs) at the airport, I saw the slim girl and the young boy sitting in a corner. She was crying hysterically -----. WYN had never received flowers from a girl. As we walked to the plane, Suchra hanging on WYN's arm, he whispered, "Here Ma, take them. I feel like a girl."

Strapped into our seats, we looked out of the porthole and saw, standing under the wing, a forlorn figure waving up at us with a big white handkerchief WYN opened a letter she had handed him

"My darling WYN. You are very nice. When you go away I am sorry. I am cry. I am never you not forget. Good-by my darling. Good luck for you."

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0(1) Barbara Ann Allabough b.23 Oct 1942 Paterson, NJ m.19 Dec 1964 Ridgewood, NJ age 22 m. age m. 5 Jan 1980 New York City, NY age 37 d. age	R. Bruce Hunter (1) b. age d. age divorced John D. Campbell (2) b. age d. age divorced Tadis Uskuraitis b.15 Jul 1938 Kaunas, Lithuania age 41 d. age
0(2) Katherine Hughes Allabough b.24 May 1948 New York City, NY m. 5 Sep 1970 Ridgewood, NJ age 22 d. age	Harrison Mack Knight b. 2 Oct 1946 Seattle, WA age 23 d. age
0(3) Patricia Maynard Allabough b.25 Mar 1950 New York City, NY m.14 Aug 1976 age 26 d. 5 May 1984 George Washington Memorial Park Cem age 34 Paramus, NJ	James Donald Fraser b. age d. age divorced
0(4) Joanne Walthery Allabough b. 5 Mar 1952 New York City, NY m.19 Mar 1977 Old Paramus Reform- age 25 ed, Ridgewood, NJ d. age	Kevin Dean Grace b. age d. age divorced

1;2-2(1),1(2),0(1)
Barbara Ann Allabough
b.23 Oct 1942 Paterson, NJ

m.19 Dec 1964 Ridgewood, NJ
age 22
m.
age
m. 5 Jan 1980 New York City, NY
age 37
d.
age

1;2-2(1),1(2),0(2)
Katherine Hughes Allabough
b.24 May 1948 New York City, NY

m. 5 Sep 1970 Ridgewood, NJ
age 22
d.
age

1;2-2(1),1(2),0(3)
Patricia Maynard Allabough
b.25 Mar 1950 New York City, NY

m.14 Aug 1976
age 26
d. 5 May 1984 George Washington Memorial Park Cem.
age 34 Paramus, NJ

1;2-2(1),1(2),0(4)
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b. 5 Mar 1952 New York City, NY

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1(3) Arthur Frederick Maynard (1) b.12 Jan 1920 Haledon, NJ age 23 d. age	Hildegarde Martha Meili b.31 Dec 1921 Paterson, NJ m. 6 Feb 1943 St. Mary's Church age 21 Haledon, NJ d. age divorced
O(1) Alison Louise Maynard b.31 Oct 1948 Paterson, NJ m.14 Sep 1975 Sand Beach, ME age 26 m.28 Jun 1980 United Church age 31 Cambridge, VT d. age	Victor Anthony Trodella (1) b. 5 Jun 1948 Everett, MA age 27 d. age divorced Robert Cameron Baetzel (2) b.21 May 1954 Chicago, IL age 26 d. age

1;0-0(1) WILLIAM MESSERVE MAYNARD b. 8 Jan 1940 Paterson, NJ age 23 d. age	Betty Carolyn Hammond b.26 Jun 1943 Kingsport, TN m.12 Oct 1963 Waverly Rd. Presby- age 20 terian,Kingsport,TN d. age
1;0-0(1),-1(1) IORA LEE MAYNARD b.22 Aug 1967 Kingsport, TN m. age d. age	b. age d. age
1;0-0(1),-1(2) KENT QUILLEN MAYNARD b.26 Nov 1969 Kingsport, TN age d. age	b. m. age d. age

1;0-0(2) ANDREA WYNNE MAYNARD b.26 Sep 1941 Paterson, NJ m.30 Nov 1963 Glen Rock, NJ age 22 d. age	Wendel Richard Cassel b.16 Dec 1940 Hershey, PA age 22 d. age
1;0-0(2),-1(1) MICHAEL ANDREW CASSEL b.15 Sep 1981 Wilmington, DE age d. age	b. age d. age

1;0-0(3) WYNFIELD MAURER MAYNARD b.11 Aug 1949 Paterson, NJ age 25 d. age	Gail Stephanie Matyas b.16 Apr 1952 Newark, NJ m. 5 Apr 1975 Zion Lutheran Ch.. age 22 Clark, NJ d. age
1;0-0(3),-1(1) REBECCA ANN MAYNARD b.28 Sep 1976 Ridgewood, NJ m. age d. age	b. age d. age
1;0-0(3),-1(2) ROBERT WYNFIELD MAYNARD b. 8 Mar 1979 Ridgewood, NJ age d. age	b. m. age d. age

1;2-2(1) 3 WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD b.15 Feb 1889 North Haledon, NJ age 24 d.15 Dec 1954 Laurel Grove Cem. age 65 Paterson, NJ	3;2-1(7) 4 NATHALIA ELIZABETH BENZ b.10 Sep 1889 Haledon, NJ m.25 Jun 1913 St. Mary's Church, age 23 Haledon, NJ d.16 Mar 1964 Laurel Grove Cem. age 74 Paterson, NJ
1(2) Marjorie Messerve Maynard (1) b.11 Aug 1916 Woodcliff on Hudson, NJ m. 3 Aug 1940 St. Mary's Church, age 23 d.20 Sep 1970 George Washington Memorial Park age 54 Paramus, NJ	Robert Franklin Allabough b.23 Dec 1911 Madison, NJ age 28 d. 1 Oct 1983 George Washington Memorial Park age 71 Paramus, NJ
0(2) Katherine Hughes Allabough b.24 May 1948 New York City, NY m. 5 Sep 1970 Ridgewood, NJ age 22 d. age	Harrison Mack Knight b. 2 Oct 1946 Seattle, WA age 23 d. age
-1(1) Robert Tyson Knight b.17 Dec 1980 Glen Cove, L.I., NY age d. age	b. m. age d. age
-1(2) William Mack Knight b.17 Dec 1980 Glen Cove, L.I., NY age d. age	b. m. age d. age

1;2-2(1) 3 WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD b.15 Feb 1889 North Haledon, NJ age 24 d.15 Dec 1954 Laurel Grove Cem. age 65 Paterson, NJ	3;2-1(7) 4 NATHALIA ELIZABETH BENZ b.10 Sep 1889 Haledon, NJ m.25 Jun 1913 St. Mary's Church age 23 Haledon, NJ d.16 Mar 1964 Laurel Grove Cem. age 74 Paterson, NJ
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0(1) Alison Louise Maynard b.31 Oct 1948 Paterson, NJ m.28 Jun 1980 United Church age 31 Cambridge, VT d. age	Robert Cameron Baetzel (2) b.21 May 1954 Chicago, IL age 26 d. age
-1(1) Michael Cameron Baetzel b. 8 Dec 1980 Burlington, VT age d. age	b. m. age d. age
-1(2) Erica Cathleen Baetzel b. 7 Aug 1983 Burlington, VT d. age	b. d. age

2;7-7( ) 191 b. age d. age	97;7-1( ) 192 b. m. age d. age
2;6-6( ) 95 ELIAS MAURER b. age d. age	49;6-1(„) 96 AGNES KÜNZLER b. m. age d. age

ELIAS MAURER 2;6-6( ) AGNES KÜNZLER 49;6-1( )

ELIAS was a farmer in Trossingen. His wife, AGNES, came from Oberbaldingen.

2;6-6( ) 95 ELIAS MAURER b. age d. age	49;6-1(„) 96 AGNES KÜNZLER b. m. age d. age

2;5-5( ) 47 MICHAEL MAURER b. 5 May 1751 Trossingen, W.Ger. age 30 age 37 d. age	 Anna Löhrer (1) b.14 Jul 1763 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m.16 Oct 1781 Flözlingem, W.Ger. age 18 d.21 May 1787 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 23 25;5-1( ) 48 ANNA BARBARA MÜLLER (2) b.25 Jun 1766 Schwenningen, W.Ger. m.23 Sep 1788 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 22 d. age

MICHAEL MAURER 2;5-5( ) (1) Anna Löhrer
(2) ANNA BARBARA MÜLLER 25;5-1( )

MICHAEL's first wife, Anna Löhrer, was the daughter of Jakob Lohrer, a farmer in Flözlingen, W.Ger., and Katharina Hils.

2;5-5( ) 47 MICHAEL MAURER b. 5 May 1751 Trossingen, W.Ger. age 30	Anna Löhrer (1) b.14 Jul 1763 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m.16 Oct 1781 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 18 d.21 May 1787 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 23
4(1) Katharina Maurer b.18 Dec 1784 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m. age d. age	b. age d. age
   age 37 d. age	25;5-1( ) 48 ANNA BARBARA MÜLLER (2) b.25 Jun 1766 Schwenningen,W.Ger. m.23 Sep 1788 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 22 d. age
4(2) Jakob Maurer b. 4 Nov 1792 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 37 d. 6 Jun 1854 age 61	Katharina Flaig b. m. 2 Feb 1830 age d. age
2;4-4(3) 23 ELIAS MAURER b.24 Jul 1794 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 24 age 40 d. 7 Jun 1869 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 74	Christina Wössner (1) b.26 Mar 1797 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m. 2 Aug 1818 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 21 d.27 Oct 1833 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 36 13;4-1( ) 24 AGATHA STORZ (2) b. 7 May 1811 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m. 1 Mar 1835 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 23 d. 6 May 1889 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 78

4(4) Anna Maurer " b.17 Sep 1795 Flozlingen, W.Ger. m. age d.31 Oct 1843 age	 b. age d. age
4(5) Johannes Maurer " b.19 Aug 1797 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age d.24 Dec 1853 age	 b. m. age d. age
4(6) Maria Maurer " b.29 Mar 1799 Flozlingen, W.Ger. m.11 May 1824 age 25 d.26 Nov 1849 age 50	 Mathias Etter b. age d. age
4(7) Christian Maurer " b.15 Dec 1800 Flozlingen, W.Ger. d.20 Apr 1801 "Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 0	 X
4(8) Christian Maurer " b.31 Jan 1802 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 39 d.29 Aug 1852 age 50	 Rosina Storz b. m. 9 May 1841 age d. age
4(9) Agnes Maurer " b.31 Jan 1802 Flozlingen, W.Ger. d. age	 X

4(10) Ursala Maurer b. 1 May 1803 Flözlingen, W.Ger. d. age	X
4(11) Michael Maurer b.28 Aug 1804 Flözlingen, W.Ger. d. 3 Sep 1804 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 0	X
4(12) Michael Maurer b.22 Sep 1805 Flözlingen, W.Ger. d.29 Mar 1806 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 0	X
4(13) Michael Maurer b.19 Sep 1807 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 33 d.11 Jul 1882 age 74	Maria Schaible b. m.26 Apr 1841 age d. age
4(14) Agnes Maurer b.30 Sep 1810 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m. 1 May 1838 age 27 d. 7 Mar 1874 age 63	Jakob Storz b. age d. age

ELIAS MAURER 2;4-4(3) (1) Christina Wössner
(2) AGATHA STORZ 13;4-1( )

ELIAS' first wife, Christina, was the daughter of Christoph Wössner, from Schulteis and Anna Maria Fouss from Butschof.

2;4-4(3) 23 ELIAS MAURER b.24 Jul 1794 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 24	Christina Wossner (1) b.26 Mar 1797 Flozlingen, W.Ger. m. 2 Aug 1818 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 21 d.27 Oct 1833 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 36
3(1) (unnamed daughter) b. 2 Dec 1822 Flozlingen, W.Ger. d.2 Dec 1822 Flozlingen, W,Ger. age 0	X
3(2) Michael Maurer b. 9 Feb 1823 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age d. age	b. m. age d. age
3(3) (unnamed son) b.23 May 1824 Flozlingen, W.Ger. d.23 May 1824 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 0	X
3(4) Anna Maurer b.21 Jun 1825 Flozlingen, W.Ger. d.24 Sep 1825 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 0	X
3(5) Jakob Maurer b.31 Dec 1827 Flozlingen, W.Ger. d.13 Mar 1828 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 0	X

3(6) Johannes Maurer " b.17 Mar 1830 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 50 age d. age	Pauline Neugart (1) b. m.14 Jun 1880 Neuhausen, W.Ger. age d. age b. m. 9 Feb 1885 age d. age
3(7) Andreas Maurer " b.29 Nov 1831 Flozlingen, W.Ger. d. 4 Sep 1832 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 0	X
3(8) (unnamed son) " b. 3 Oct 1833 Flozlingen, W.Ger. d. 3 Oct 1833 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 0	X
  age 40 " d. 7 Jun 1869 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 74	13;4-1( ) 24 AGATHA STORZ (2) " b. 7 May 1811 Flozlingen, W.Ger. m. 1 Mar 1835 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 23 " d. 6 May 1889 Flozlingen. W.Ger. age 78
3(9) Christian Maurer " b.15 Jan 1836 Flozlingen, W.Ger. d. 7 Sep 1836 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 0	X

3(10) Christian Maurer b.25 Oct 1837 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 27 d.14 Jul 1907 age 69	Anna Barbara Maurer b. m. 1 Aug 1865 age d. age
3(11) Maria Maurer b. 6 May 1839 Flozlingen, W.Ger. d. 2 Aug 1891 Nisky Hill Cem. age 52 Bethlehem, PA	X
3(12) Martin Maurer b.18 Feb 1842 Flozlingen, W.Ger. d.18 Feb 1842 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 0	X
3(13) Martin Maurer b. 2 May 1844 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 41 d. 3 Sep 1915 age 71	Katharina Ulrich b.26 May 1854 m.25 May 1885 age 31 d.20 May 1914 age 60
3(14) Anna Maurer b. 2 May 1844 Flozlingen, W.Ger. d.14 May 1845 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 1	X
3(15) Georg Maurer b.28 Feb 1846 Flozlingen, W.Ger. d. 1 Sep 1854 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 8	X

2;3-3(16) 11 ANDREAS MAURER b. 4 Jul 1847 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 24 d. 2 Jul 1907 Nisky Hill Cem. age 60 Bethlehem, PA	7;3-1( ) 12 BARBARA STORZ - b.20 Jun 1853 Flozlingen, W.Ger. m.30 Jun 1872 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 19 d. 3 Feb 1936 Nisky Hill Cem. age 82 Bethlehem, PA
3(17) Jakob Maurer b.14 Jun 1849 Flozlingen, W.Ger. d.15 Jun 1849 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 0	X
3(18) Jakob Maurer b. 9 Oct 1850 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age d. age	Josephine Mader b.19 Mar 1858 m. age d. age
3(19) Mathias Maurer b.15 Sep 1852 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age d. age	Maria Kaiser b. m. age d. age
3(20) Agnes Maurer b. 1 Jan 1856 Flozlingen, W.Ger. d. 7 Jan 1856 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 0	X
3(21) Georg Maurer b. 1 Jan 1856 Flozlingen, W.Ger. d. 4 Sep 1857 Flozlingen, W.Ger. age 1	X

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2 August 1967
Flözlingen, W.Ger.

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7;3-1( ) 12 BARBARA STORZ - b.20 Jun 1853 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m.30 Jun 1872 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 19 d. 3 Feb 1936 Nisky Hill Cem. age 82 Bethlehem, PA	2;3-3(16) 11 ANDREAS MAURER b. 4 Jul 1847 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 24 d. 2 Jul 1907 Nisky Hill Cem. age 60 Bethlehem, PA

2;3-3(16),2(2) Barbara Maurer b. 5 Sep 1878 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m. age d. age	2;2-2(1) 5 ANDREW MAURER b.14 Apr 1874 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m. 2 Feb 1905 Allentown, PA age 30 d.15 Sep 1945 Nisky Hill Cem. age 71 Bethlehem, PA

ANDREAS MAURER 2;3-3(16) BARBARA STORZ - 7;3-1( )

During a visit to Flözlingem, W.Ger., by MARGARET LYDIA MAURER 1
accompanied by her husband and two of their children, ANDREA and 2,3
WYNFIELD MAYNARD, on 2 August 1967, the Burgermeister showed 4
them an entry in the Village records stating that ANDREAS and
BARBARA, with their two children, ANDREW and Barbara, emigrated 5,6
from there to America on 3 August 1882.

They entered the United States through the Port of Philadelphia and settled in Bethlehem, PA. When ANDREAS became the janitor at the Moravian Parochial School, they moved to Heckenwelder Place adjacent to the school and Central Moravian Church. An article about ANDREAS follows on the next page.

After the death of ANDREAS, BARBARA lived in an apartment in the historic Sister's House on Church Street in Bethlehem until 1931 when she moved into her son's house at 254 East Church Street. 5

BARBARA was skilled at hand spinning and often gave demonstrations of the art. A picture of her at the spinning wheel is reproduced on page 193. She was also expert in knitting, crocheting and needlework. During World War I, she was honored with an award by the Red Cross for knitting socks and hats for the U.S. soldiers.

THE MORAVIAN CHURCH. BETHLEHEM, PA.

1	MARGARET LYDIA MAURER	2;1-1(4)	granddaughter
2	WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD	1;1-1(1)	husband of MARGARET MAURER
3	ANDREA WYNNE MAYNARD	1;0-0(2)	great granddaughter
4	WYNFIELD MAURER MAYNARD	1;0-0(3)	great grandson
5	ANDREW MAURER	2;2-2(1)	son
6	Barbara Maurer	2;3-3(16),2(2)	daughter

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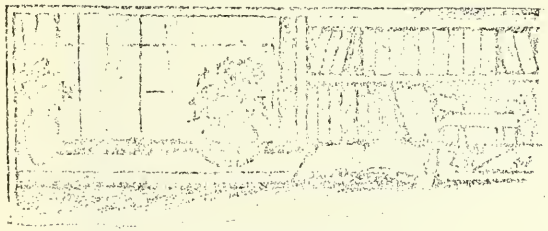

An Old Friend.

"POP" Maurer?" Yes, we all remember him. He was one of the best janitors in all countries of all ages, past, present and to come. His was a reign of law. Those were the good old days when not a child ventured to run across the grass, not a boy risked playing tag on the forbidden ground. Brought up in the German army and having served in the German war of 1870, Mr. Maurer was an admirer of strict discipline and had learned to obey orders in the minutest detail. He used this early training in his work around the school and, in order to obey all commands from headquarters, he brought into service some very stringent measures; when the children would not get off of the grass there appeared sometimes a short dog-whip to re-establish law and order. All the youngsters held him in great fear but we could not help knowing that underneath the gruff exterior was a sincere love and patriotism for the school and all the pupils therein.

To do his duty was almost a matter of religion with Mr. Maurer. He always had the first paths shoveled through the heavy snow in Winter time. How faithfully he sprinkled ashes on the boys' newly made "slides" and how clear was the pavement all the way down the school hill just where we wanted to coast! In Spring the grass was cut at exactly the right moment and Fall always saw the leaves raked together and burned in the proper manner. It was in the Fall that the little boys feared "Pop" the least for then he considered it his duty to shake down all the beautiful brown horse-chestnuts and to let the children scramble for the coveted treasures. But as the Winter wore on and Spring arrived the old relation was established between them. At a great risk we played ball around the school, instead of in the playground, for our hearts sank with despair when, as a punishment, we saw the lovely ball captured, perhaps never to return again. Dogs, also, were a forbidden quantity and seldom occurred the interesting event of a strange "hund" in the school. What was our surprise to see a large fierce looking bull-dog at his own house! But he was such a well-behaved animal; we supposed he was to be a model for all the visiting curs.

"Pop" Maurer's daily life was well regulated. "Early to bed and early to rise" was his motto and most of his work was finished long before we ever reached school. Everything was done by plan and method; when he and his assistant were to take the grass out of the gutters or shovel snow, one would begin at each end and then they were to meet in the middle. But Mr. Maurer took great pride in passing beyond the middle and reaching the three-quarter mark before they met. In this way he performed all of his duties to the end of his life, ever doing more than his share and always proving himself our faithful "Pop Maurer."

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On the balcony of The Sisters' House

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BARBARA STORZ -
b.20 Jun 1853 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

m.30 Jun 1872 Flözlingen, W.Ger.
age 19
d. 3 Feb 1936 Nisky Hill Cem.
age 82 Bethlehem, PA

The Sisters' House -
The Moravian Settlement
Historic Bethlehem, PA

Built in 1744 as the first Choir House for single brethren, the Sisters' House received its name from the Single Sisters' Choir which occupied it in 1748. Today the House contains a number of small apartments rented to individuals by the Church.

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BARBARA STORZ -
b.20 Jun 1853 Flőzlingen, W.Ger.

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age 19
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age 82 Bethlehem, PA

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2;2-2(1) 5 ANDREW MAURER b.14 Apr 1874 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 26 age 30 d.15 Sep 1945 Nisky Hill Cem. age 71 Bethlehem, PA	 Jennie E. Lehr (1) b.15 Dec 1879 m. 1900 age 20 d. 8 Dec 1900 Nisky Hill Cem. age 20 Bethlehem, PA 4;2-1(4) 6 LYDIA LAVINIA ABELE (2) b.23 Feb 1880 Quincy, IL m. 2 Feb 1905 Allentown, PA age 24 d. 4 Sep 1951 Nisky Hill Cem. age 71 Bethlehem, PA
2(2) Barbara Maurer b. 5 Sep 1878 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m. age d. age	Harry Stofflet b. age d. age

March 1905

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LYDIA LAVINIA ABELE (2)
b.23 Feb 1880 Quincy, IL

m. 2 Feb 1905 Allentown, PA
age 24
d. 4 Sep 1951 Nisky Hill Cem.
age 71 Bethlehem, PA

June 1938

4;2-1(4) 6
LYDIA LAVINIA ABELE (2)
b.23 Feb 1880 Quincy, IL

m. 2 Feb 1905 Allentown, PA
age 24
d. 4 Sep 1951 Nisky Hill Cem.
age 71 Bethlehem, PA

2;2-2(1)
ANDREW MAURER
b.14 Apr 1874 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

age 30
d.15 Sep 1945 Nisky Hill Cem.
age 71 Bethlehem, PA

No. 12457.

ORIGINAL.

Marriage Certificate.

I,

hereby certify that on the Second day of February one thousand nine hundred and Six, at the Brides home Allentown, Andrew Maurer Jr and Lydia L. Able

WERE BY ME

UNITED IN MARRIAGE

in accordance with License issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Northampton County, Pa., numbered .....

C. Moyer

Minister of the Gospel, ~~Justice of the Peace~~, or Alderman.

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ANDREW MAURER 2;2-2(1) Jennie E. Lehr (1)
LYDIA LAVINIA ABELE 4;2-1(4) (2)

ANDREW and his sister, Barbara, were brought from Flözlingen, West Germany, by their parents in 1882 through the Port of Philadelphia to settle in Bethlehem, PA. A photograph of the family taken shortly before their departure is reproduced on page 189 of the history of ANDREW's parents. [1] [2,3]

According to his Certificate of Confirmation signed by W.H. Oerter, Pastor:

> "---- ANDREW MAURER was admitted into the communion of the Moravian Church at Bethlehem, Pa., by the rite of Confirmation, on Palm Sunday, March 22nd, 1891 ----".

Otherwise, we have no record of ANDREW's early life prior to the tragic death of his first wife, Jennie, only a few weeks after their wedding. The only memento of Jennie is her ring now in the possession of ANDREW's daughter, MARGARET. [4]

ANDREW was educated at the Moravian Preparatory School and was a communicant of the Central Moravian Church, both in Bethlehem. He was active in church affairs and was a member of various fraternal orders including the Monarchs and Odd Fellows.

On 1 April 1906, he was appointed Superintendent of Nisky Hill Cemetery and of the Old Burying Ground adjacent to the Central Moravian Church. In 1929, he was made Superintendent of Real Estate of the Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem. ANDREW held both positions concurrently from then until his death on 15 September 1945. During his tenure, he saw Nisky Hill double in size in acreage and in the number of interments.

LYDIA was also a member of Central Moravian Church and was affiliated with the Loyal Circle, Order of the King's Daughters.

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1 Barbara Maurer 2;3-3(16),2(2) (h) sister
2 ANDREAS MAURER 2;3-3(16) (h) father
3 BARBARA STORZ - 7;3-1( ) (h) mother
4 MARGARET LYDIA MAURER 2;1-1(4) daughter

2;3-3(16),2(2)
Barbara Maurer
b. 5 Sep 1878 Flözlingen, W.Ger.

m.
age

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2;2-2(1) 5 ANDREW MAURER b.14 Apr 1874 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 30 d.15 Sep 1945 Nisky Hill Cem. age 71 Bethlehem, PA	4;2-1(4) 6 LYDIA LAVINIA ABELE (2) b.23 Feb 1880 Quincy, IL m. 2 Feb 1905 Allentown, PA age 24 d. 4 Sep 1951 Nisky Hill Cem. age 71 Bethlehem, PA
1(1) Andrew Maurer b. 2 Mar 1908 Bethlehem, PA age 37 d.21 Mar 1974 Nisky Hill Cem. age 66 Bethlehem, PA	 Doris Jacob b.29 Jul 1915 Buffalo, NY m.27 Oct 1945 Bethlehem, PA age 30 d.24 Sep 1983 Nisky Hill Cem. age 68 Bethlehem, PA
1(2) Joseph Abele Maurer b.29 Sep 1911 Bethlehem, PA age 45 d. age	 Kathleen Danneberger b.16 Apr 1914 Sandy Bay, Nicaragua m.19 Jan 1957 Moravian Church, age 42 Bethlehem, PA d. age
1(3) William Henry Maurer b.28 Feb 1913 Bethlehem, PA age 29 d. 4 Jun 1978 Nisky Hill Cem. age 65 Bethlehem, PA	 Jean Clark b. 2 Feb 1919 Dalhousie, NB, Canada. m. Sep 1942 Quincy, MA age 23 d. age
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m.11 Jun 1938 Moravian Chapel,
age 22 Bethlehem, PA
d.
age

2;3-3(16) 11 ANDREAS MAURER b. 4 Jul 1847 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 24 d. 2 Jul 1907 Nisky Hill Cem. age 60 Bethlehem, PA	7;3-1( ) 12 BARBARA STORZ - b.20 Jun 1853 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m.30 Jun 1872 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 19 d. 3 Feb 1936 Nisky Hill Cem. age 82 Bethlehem, PA
2(2) Barbara Maurer b. 5 Sep 1878 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m. age d. age	Harry Stofflet b. age d. age
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1(2) Robert Stofflet b. Bethlehem, PA age d. age	b. m. age d. age
1(3) Catherine Stofflet b. Bethlehem, PA m. age d. age	b. age d. age

2;2-2(1) 5 ANDREW MAURER b.14 Apr 1874 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 30 d.15 Sep 1945 Nisky Hill Cem. age 71 Bethlehem, PA	4;2-1(4) 6 LYDIA LAVINIA ABELE (2) b.23 Feb 1880 Quincy, IL m. 2 Feb 1905 Allentown, NJ age 24 d. 4 Sep 1951 Nisky Hill Cem. age 71 Bethlehem, PA
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0(1) Marian Louise Maurer b.17 Sep 1946 Bethlehem, PA m.28 Dec 1979 Reformed Church, age 33 Macungie, PA d. age	Thomas Jeffrey Hackman b.29 Aug 1950 Emmaus, PA age 29 d. age
0(2) Andrew Jacob Maurer b.30 Dec 1948 Bethlehem, PA d.10 Jan 1949 Nisky Hill Cem. age 0 Bethlehem, PA	X

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O(2) Jonathan Andrew Maurer b.30 Oct 1948 Scranton, PA age d. age	b. m. age d. age
O(3) Thomas Clark Maurer b.26 Aug 1954 Scranton, PA age 20 d. age	Adrienne Lillian Rudden b. 1 Jun 1954 Bronx, New York City, NY m. 2 Nov 1974 Colonial Church, age 20 Bayside, NY d. age divorced
O(4) Barbara Jean Maurer b.11 May 1962 Scranton, PA m. age d. age	b. age d. age
O(5) Susan Elizabeth Maurer b. 4 Sep 1963 Scranton, PA m. age d. age	b. age d. age

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-1(1) Michele Kim Maurer b. 3 Dec 1975 Arlington, VA m. age d. age	b. age d. age
-1(2) William Henry Maurer b.27 Jul 1979 Kobe, Japan age d. age	b. m. age d. age

3;8-7( ) 319 b. age d. age	161;8-1( ) 320 b. m. age d. age
3;7-6( ) 159 MICHEL BENZ b. age d. age	81;7-1( ) 160 CATHARINA WUERGER b. m. age d. age

MICHEL BENZ 3;7-6( ) CATHARINA WUERGER 81;7-1( )

(Pronounce BENZ as BENTS)

According to our researcher, the date and place of MICHEL's birth are not in the records and that there are two of that name listed at the same time.

3;7-6( ) 159 MICHEL BENZ b. age d. age	81;7-1( ) 160 CATHARINA WUERGER b. m. age d. age
3;6-5( ) 79 JOHANNES BENZ b. 7 Oct 1768 Tegernau, W.Ger. age 20 d. 7 Oct 1827 age 59	41;6-1( ) 80 VERENA SCHWEINLIN - b. Buetschenbuch, W.Ger. m. 8 Nov 1788 age d. age

BENZ 3
6-5( )

JOHANNES BENZ 3;6-5( ) VERENA SCHWEINLIN - 41;6-1( )

VERENA, according to our researcher, is referred to as from Buetschenbuch and as illegitimate. We are assuming that SCHWEINLIN is her mother's maiden name.

The records also state that JOHANNES was illegitimate, at least when born on 7 October 1768, in Tegernau, West Germany. No marriage records of his parents have been found.

3;6-5( ) 79 JOHANNES BENZ b. 7 Oct 1768 Tegernau, W.Ger. age 20 d. 7 Oct 1827 age 59	41;6-1( ) 80 VERENA SCHWEINLIN ---- b. Buetschenbuch, W.Ger. m. 8 Nov 1788 age d. age
5(1) Johannes Benz b. 25 Nov 1788 Sallneck, W.Ger. d. age	X
3;5-4(2) 39 FRIEDLIN BENZ (2) b. 27 Feb 1792 Sallneck, W.Ger. age 23 d. 21 Jul 1866 age 74	21;5-1( ) 40 REGINA BARBARA KIEFER b. m. 15 Mar 1815 age d. age
5(3) Johann Jakob Benz b. 13 Jul 1795 Sallneck, W. Ger. age d. age	b. age d. age

REGINA BARBARA KIEFER was the widow of Martin Bechtel

An alternate spelling of FRIEDLIN is FRIEDOLIN. According to our researcher, the name should be "Friedolin" but, in the church records, the entry by the pastor was "Friedlin". He adds that this name is common in the area of Sallneck, is a variation of the name, Friedrich and means "Peacemaker".

Our researcher also states that Johannes, Johann and the Catholic version, Joannes, are the same and in English, is John. It is one of the oldest German given names.

3;5-4(2) 39 FRIEDLIN BENZ (2) b. 27 Feb 1792 Sallneck, W.Ger. age 23 d. 21 Jul 1866 age 74	21;5-1( ) 40 REGINA BARBARA KIEFER b. m. 15 Mar 1815 age d. age
3;4-3( ) 19 JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ b. 15 Jul 1815 Sallneck, W.Ger. age 34 d. age	11;4-1( ) 20 ANNA MARIA BRECH - b. 9 May 1828 Tegernau, W.Ger. m. 18 May 1850 Tegernau, W.Ger. age 22 d. 26 Nov 1887 Cedar Lawn Cem. age 59 Paterson, NJ

JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ 3;4-3( ) ANNA MARIA BRECH---- 11;4-1( )

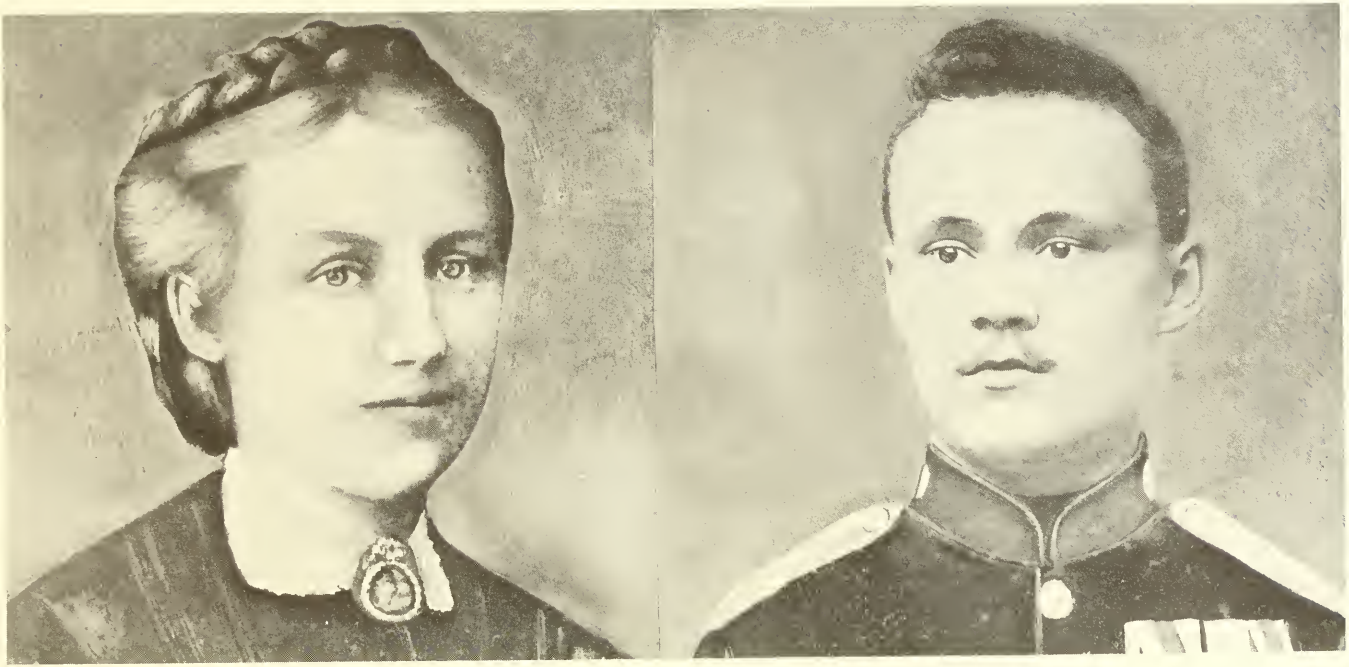
ANNA MARIA BRECH was illegitimate. We are assuming that BRECH is her mother's maiden name. She emigrated to America in 1878 or 1879 with her son, JOHANN, and his family; wife, LOUISE STEIMLE and daughters, Louise and Mathilda, and with her son Johann Georg and her daughter Emilie. Johann Georg's wife, Maria Woessner and their son, Georg, emigrated to America later in 1879. 1,2 3,4,5 7,6 8

ANNA died at Morris Plains Asylum of Brain Disease on 26 November 1887 and was buried in Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Paterson, NJ, on 29 November. No stone marks the grave. Her name is listed as ANNIE M. BENZ, age 61, last residence at 69 Rip Van Winkle Avenue on the Cemetery records.

1 JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ	3;3-2(1)	son
2 LOUISE STEIMLE	6;3-1(1)	daughter-in-law
3 Louise Benz	3;3-2(1),2(1)	granddaughter
4 Mathilde Benz	3;3-2(1),2(2)	granddaughter
5 Johann Georg Benz	3;4-3( ),3(4)	son
6 Marie Woessner	W3;4-3( ),3(4)	daughter-in-law
7 Emilie Benz	3;4-3( ),3(6)	daughter
8 Georg Benz	3;4-3( ),3(4),2(1)	grandson

3;4-3( ) 19 JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ b.15 Jul 1815 Sallneck, W.Ger. age 34 d. age	11;4-1( ) 20 ANNA MARIA BRECH - b. 9 May 1828 Tegernau, W.Ger. m.18 May 1850 Tegernau, W.Ger. age 22 d.26 Nov 1887 Cedar Lawn Cem. age 59 Paterson, NJ
3;3-2(1) 9 JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ b.31 Jan 1851 Tegernau, W.Ger. age 25 d.25 Jun 1921 Laurel Grove Cem. age 70 Paterson, NJ	6;3-1(1) 10 LOUISE STEIMLE b.12 Jan 1850 Möhringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger. m. 3 Feb 1876 Tumringen, W.Ger. age 26 d.29 Mar 1919 Laurel Grove Cem. age 69 Paterson, NJ
3(2) Catharina Benz b.21 Mar 1852 Tegernau, W.Ger. d. 7 Apr 1852 Tegernau, W.Ger. age 0	X
3(3) Ludwig Friedrich Benz b.19 May 1853 Tegernau, W.Ger. age d. 1921 age 68	Mary b. m. age d. age
3(4) Johann Georg Benz b.17 Apr 1857 Tegernau, W.Ger. age d.11 Dec 1903 age 46	Marie Woessner b. Baden, W.Ger. m. age d. 1904 age
3(5) Johannes Benz b.17 Oct 1861 Tegernau, W.Ger. age d. age	b. m. age d. age

3(6) Emilie Benz b.27 Aug 1868 Lörrach, Baden, W.Ger. m.14 Apr 1887 Paterson, NJ age 18 d.15 Jan 1948 age 79	Leonhardt Buchmann b.13 Dec 1866 Hilzingen, Kreis Konstanz, W.Ger. age 20 d.18 Mar 1948 age 81



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JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ 3;3-2(1) LOUISE STEIMLE 6;3-1(1)

Our history of FRIEDRICH begins with what is apparently a military conscription document, reproduced on the next page, issued prior to a call to service. Copies of selected pages from his passbook which follow indicate that his service began on 25 November 1871 and ended on 1 October 1873 although he was apparently on inactive service from 11 September 1873.

Sometime later, FRIEDRICH and LOUISE became engaged but their engagement card below does not provide a date. They were married in Tumringen, West Germany, on 3 February 1876.

Louise Steimle — Friedrich Benz

Degerloch. — Degernau.

Verlobte.

A copy of the marriage contract and dowery, their marriage license and the respective translations follow.

Our researcher states that in the court records of Lörrach, West Germany, FRIEDRICH had a business in Tumringen but went bankrupt and as a result, emigrated to America with his mother, wife and two children, apparently in 1878. 6 7,

We are provided with only a glimpse at the history of LOUISE during this period in the letter dated 25 April 1976, from Emmy Agnes Steimle, writing from Oberndorf am Neckar, West Germany, to Lucille Harris. The reference is to a visit to LOUISE and her sister Charlotte by their mother, MARGARETHE SOLL, in Basel, Switzerland: 1 2 3,

"She visited her daughters when they went up to the U.S.A." 3,

MARGARETHE died on 1 January 1878 in Basel. From the birth certificate of FRIEDRICH and LOUISE's second daughter, Mathilda, born in Basel on 18 February 1878, it appears that MARGARETHE visited LOUISE during the latter part of 1877 perhaps to assist her during the late months of her pregnancy, but died before Mathilda's birth. 4 5 4

From a series of letters of recommendation, we can record a partial history of FREDERICK's (FRIEDRICH) employment in this country beginning on page 238:

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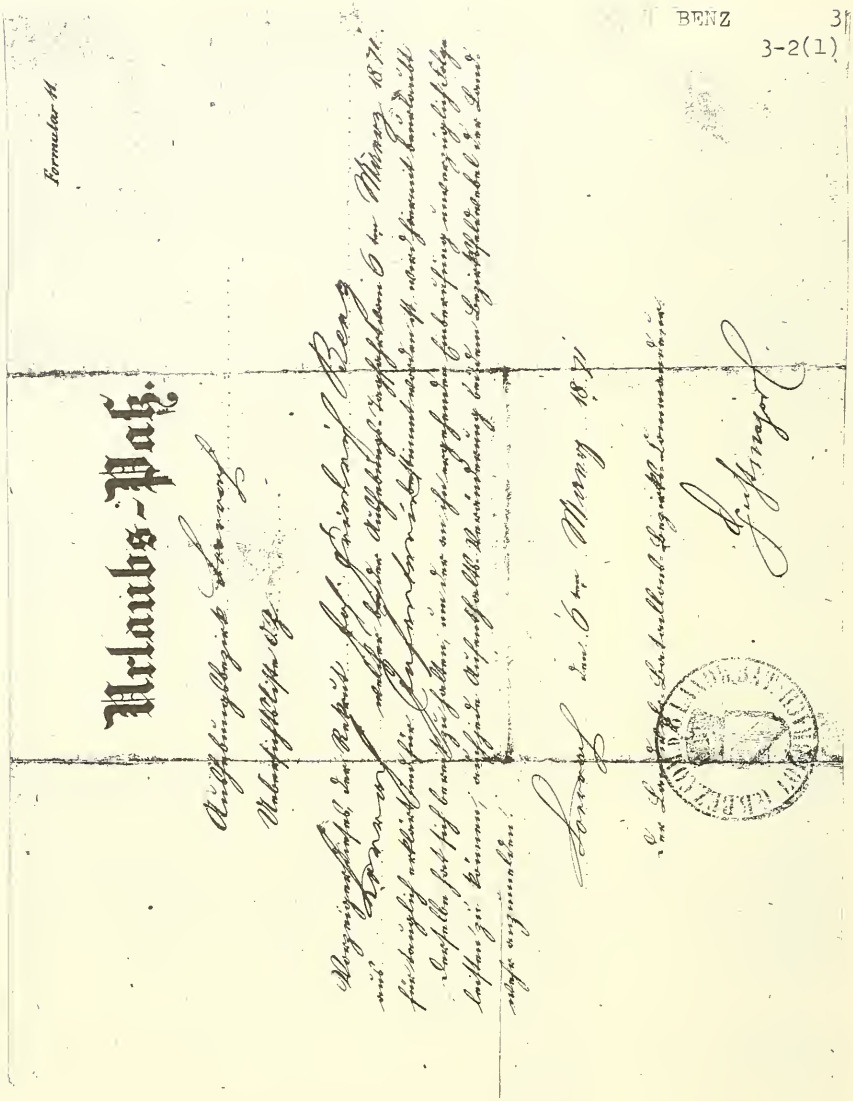
3-2(1)

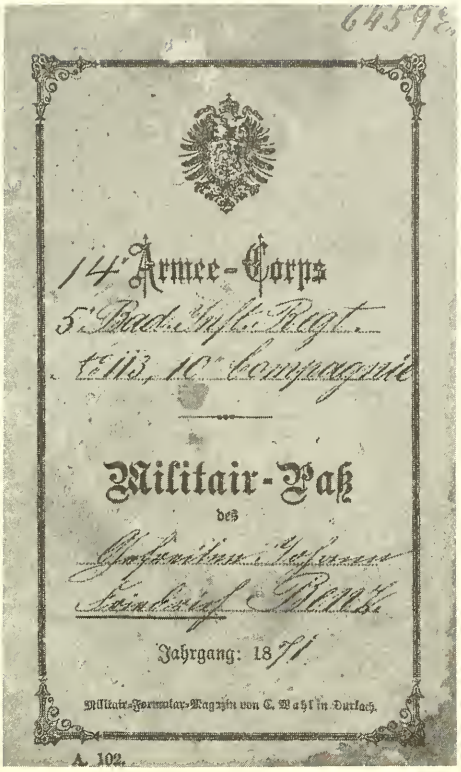


Furlough - Pass

JOH. FRIEDRICH BENZ. 6th March 1871, is granted a furlough until his services are required and he is notified to return.

Loerrach on 6th March 1871

Commanding Officer



14 Army Corps
5th Bad. Infantry - Regiment (Bad. is Baden)
No. 113, 10th Company

Military Pass

JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ

1871

vom 1. April bis 1. August in dem Jahre ihrer Beurlaubung jederzeit bereit zu halten, einer Einberufungs-Ordre zu ihrem Truppentheile behufs Erfüllung ihrer gesetzlichen Dienstpflicht Folge zu leisten.

18. Das Umherreisen resp. Wandern im Inlande, sowie das Verziehen in's Ausland ist den zur Disposition Beurlaubten nicht gestattet. Die mit einem Wohnortswechsel unvermeidlich verbundenen Reisen dürfen dieselben zwar — selbstverständlich nach erfolgter Abmeldung bei dem Bezirks-Feldwebel — unternehmen, haben sich jedoch im neuen Aufenthaltsort sofort wieder anzumelden.

Zuwiderhandelnde werden unverzüglich zu ihrem Truppentheile eingezogen.

19. Wird ein zur Disposition Beurlaubter vor Erfüllung seiner aktiven Dienstpflicht im stehenden Heere nicht wieder zum Dienst bei seinem Truppentheil eingezogen, so tritt er an dem in diesem Paß angegebenen Termine stillschweigend zur Reserve über, ohne daß er hierüber eine besondere Nachricht erhält oder sich zu diesem Zweck zu melden braucht.

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Nationale

des Gefreiten Johann Friedrich Benz

Geboren am 31ten Januar 1851,

zu Tegernau Amt Schopfheim

Größe: 1 m. 66 cm. 5 mm.

Religion Evangelisch Verheirathet

Stand oder Gewerbe Kaufmann

Heimathsberechtigt in Tegernau

~~Kreis~~ Amt Schopfheim

In das stehende Heer eingetreten am 1ten October 1871 als Rekrut,

Ausgehoben im ~~Kreise~~ Amt Loerrach

Liste E pro 1871 № 203

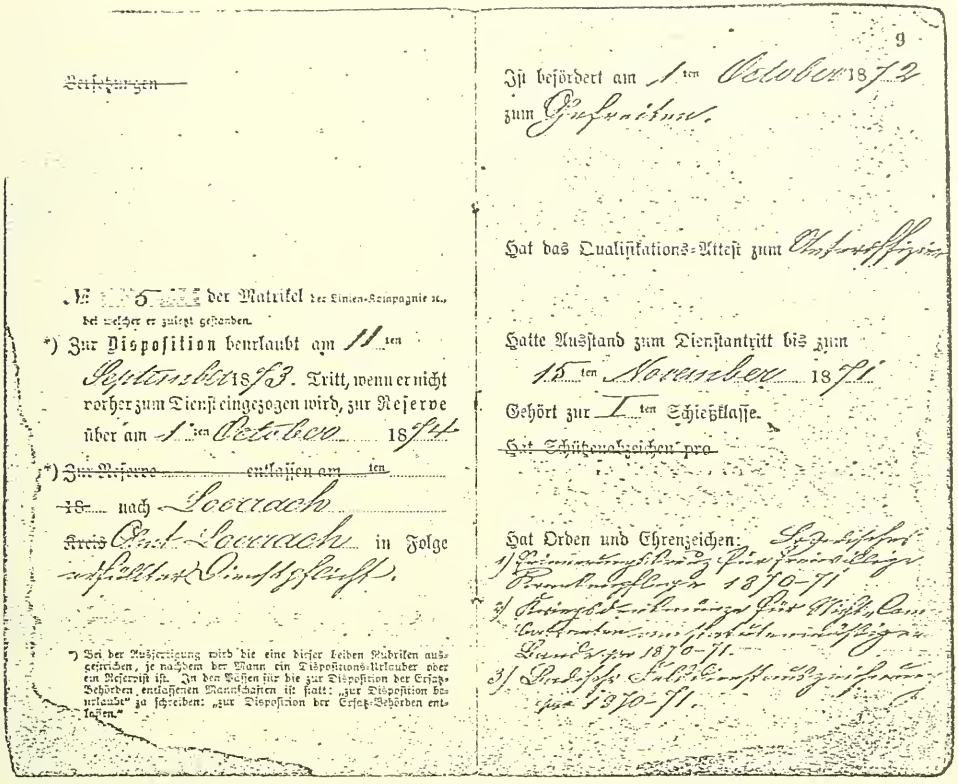
In Dienst getreten bei der 10ten Compagnie 5ten Bad. Infanterie-Regiment No 113.

Vereidigt: 25 November 1871

JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ
born 31st January 1851
at Tegernau - Schopfheim
Height: 1 m. 66 cm. 5 mm.
Religion - Lutheran
Home address - Tegernau -
Schopfheim
Entered Army on 1st
October 1871 as recruit

Raised in Loerrach
List E pro 1871 No. 203
Service joined 10 Company
5th Bad. Infantry Regiment
No. 113

Sworn in: 25 November 1871



~~Versetzungen~~

№ 5 der Matrikel der Linien-Kompagnie ꝛc., bei welcher er zuletzt gestanden.

*) Zur Disposition beurlaubt am 11ten September 1873. Tritt, wenn er nicht vorher zum Dienst eingezogen wird, zur Reserve über am 1ten October 1874

*) ~~Zur Reserve~~ ~~entlassen am~~ ~~ten~~ ~~18~~ nach Loerrach ~~Kreis~~ Amt Loerrach in Folge erfüllter Dienstpflicht.

*) Bei der Ausfertigung wird die eine dieser beiden Rubriken ausgestrichen, je nachdem der Mann ein Dispositions-Urlauber oder ein Reservist ist. In den Pässen für die zur Disposition der Ersatz-Behörden entlassenen Mannschaften ist statt: „zur Disposition beurlaubt" zu schreiben: „zur Disposition der Ersatz-Behörden entlassen."

9

Ist befördert am 1ten October 1872 zum Gefreiten.

Hat das Qualifikations-Attest zum Unteroffizier

Hatte Ausstand zum Dienstantritt bis zum 15ten November 1871

Gehört zur Iten Schießklasse.

~~Hat Schützenabzeichen pro~~

Hat Orden und Ehrenzeichen: Badische
1) Erinnerungskreuz für freiwillige Krankenpflege 1870-71
2) Kriegsdenkmünze für Nicht-Combattanten am statutenmäßigen Bande pro 1870-71.
3) Badische Felddienstauszeichnung pro 1870-71.

Discharged on 11th
September 1873 If not called
back to Army or Reserves
discharge is final on 1st October 1874
at Loerrach - Loerrach

Is promoted on 1st October 1872
to next rank.

Had qualifications for non-commissioned officer

On 15th November 1871 qualified
as first class marksman

Had orders and honors:

1. Bayerasches Erenneriengs Kreuz
   1870 - 71
2. For volunteer service to care for
   the sick 1870 - 71
3. ?

Bemerkungen über Ausbildung in besonderen Dienstzweigen, mitgemachte Campagnen, Theilnahme an Schlachten und Gefechten ꝛc.

1/ Feldzug 1870/71 gegen Frankreich bei der freiwilligen Krankenpflege.

2/ Ist militärisch ausgebildet.

Ausgefertigt Freiburg i/B.
den 11ten September 1873.
~~Königliches Commando des~~ Für den abcommandirten Oberst und Regiments-Commandeur

[illegible]

~~Oberst und Regiments-Commandeur~~
Oberstlieutenant

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An Bekleidungsstücken hat derselbe bei seinem Abgange erhalten:

..... Waffenrock,
..... Hosen,
..... Mütze,
..... Halsbinde,
..... Hemden,
..... Paar Stiefeln.

Derselbe hat auf dem Marsche nach seinem künftigen Aufenthaltsort .....
die Eisenbahn

von .....
bis .....
von .....
bis .....
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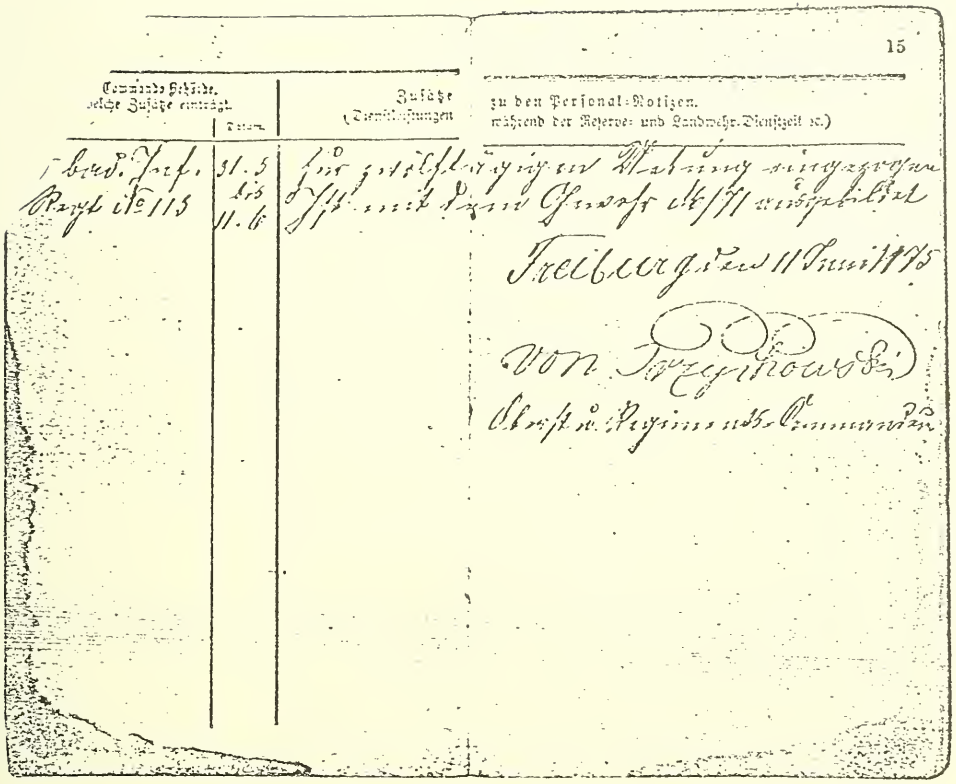
bis .....

Remarks

1/ France 1870/71 volunteer service to care for the sick - military hospital

2/ ?

Freiburg /B(aden)
on 11th September 1873



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Commando-Behörde, welche Zusätze einträgt.	Datum.	Zusätze (Dienstleistungen	zu den Personal-Notizen. während der Reserve- und Landwehr-Dienstzeit ꝛc.)
5 bad. Inf. Regt No 113	31.5 bis 11.6	Zur zweitägigen Uebung eingezogen Ist mit dem Gewehr M/71 ausgebildet	Freiburg den 11 Juni 1875 von Trzyckowski Oberst u. Regiments-Commandeur

5th Bad.Inf. Regt.No.113	31.5 to 11.6	Basic training with rifle Freiburg 11 June 1875

Commanding Officer

Meldungen und Verleihungen.

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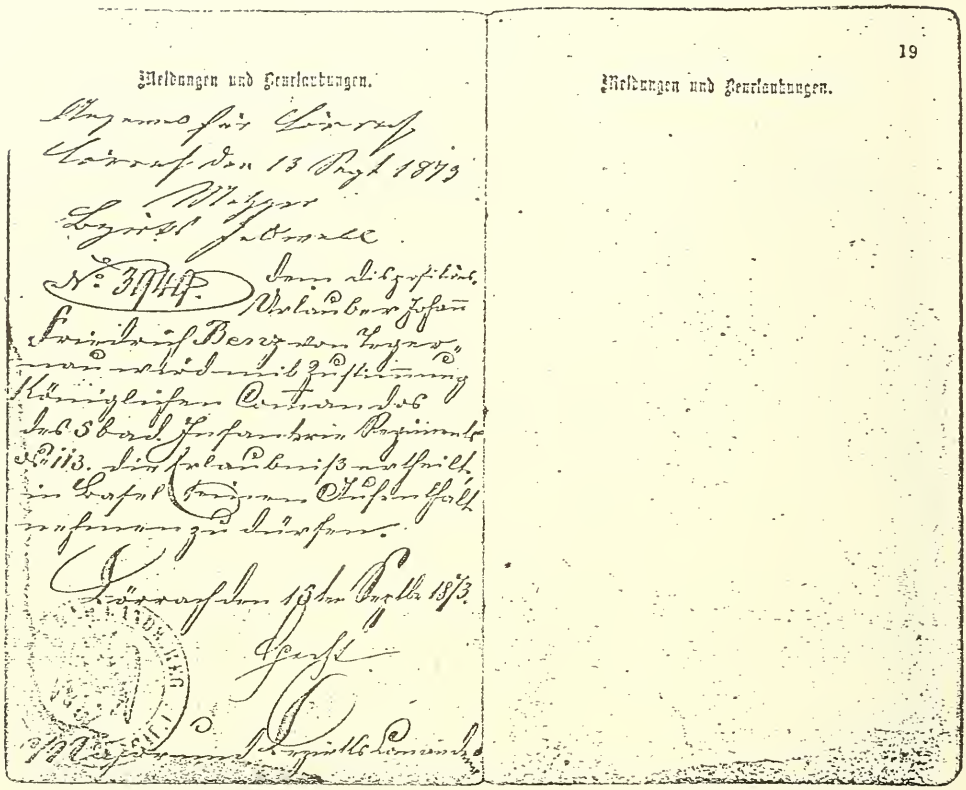
Meldungen und Verleihungen.



5ten bad. Infanterie-Regiment No. 113. 10 Compagnie

Urlaubs-Pass.

Infanterist Benz hat Urlaub von heute Nachmittag bis Montag den 7ten d. Monats zwölf Uhr, um nach Loerrach, zum Besuche eines erkrankten Angehörigen, gehen zu können.

Freiburg, den 4ten October 1872.

Hauptmann und Compagnie Chef.

5t Bad. Infantry. Regiment No. 113 10 Company

Furlough. Pass

BENZ has pass from today to Monday - 7th of the month at 12 midnight, to go to Loerrach to visit a sick relative.

Freiburg on 4th October 1872

Commanding Officer

Führungs-Attest.

BENZ 3
3-2(1)

Dem Gefreiten Johann Friedrich Benz von der 10ten Compagnie des 5ten Badischen Infanterie-Regiments No. 113, am 31ten Januar 1851 zu Tegernau im Amt Schopfheim geboren, wird hierdurch attestirt, daß derselbe sich während seiner Dienstzeit

sehr gut geführt hat

Bestraft ist derselbe während seiner Dienstzeit. Nicht.

Freiburg i/B. den 11ten September 1873.

Für den beurlaubten Hauptmann und Compagnie-Chef.

J. Kühler

Premierlieutenant

Conduct Report

JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ, of the 10th Company, 5th Infantry - Regiment No. 113, born 31 January 1851, in Tegernau - Schopfheim. did everything very well and was never punished during his service.

Freiburg/ Baden on 11 September 1873

Commanding Officer

(Abschrift)

Oeffentliche Urkunde.

Acht:

Heiraths-Vertrag

zwischen

Johann Friedrich Benz

ledig und volljährig von Tägernau,
Commis in Basel

und

Louise Steimle

ledig und volljährig von Degerloch,
Oberamts Stuttgart.

Geschehen zu Lörrach im Jahre Eintausend Achthundert Siebenzig und Sechs am Ein und Dreißigsten Januar den 31 Januar 1876.

Vor mir dem zu Lörrach wohnenden und für den I. District Lörrach im Amtsgerichtsbezirke Lörrach angestellten Grossh. Notar

Michael Huber

und den mir von Person bekannten Zeugen

1. Johann Jacob Müller, Bäcker Herr und
2. Reinhard Pfunder, Waisenrichter

beide hier wohnend,

welche, wie auch die unten genannten Betheiligten, durch den Notar auf die Bestimmungen der Paragraphen 48 u. 49 des Notariats-Gesetzes vom 23. Mai 1864, sowie der Paragraphen 431 u. 432 der bürgerlichen Prozessordnung vom 18. März 1864, aufmerksam gemacht wurden;

sind erschienen:

Johann Friedrich Benz von [illegible], Bauer in [illegible] und dort wohnhaft, als Bräutigam; sodann als Braut:
Louise Steinle von Degerloch, ebendaselbst [illegible] und dort wohnhaft, beide ledig, volljährig und rechtsfähig, mir dem Notar bekannt und erklären, daß sie unter sich einen Heirathsvertrag verabredet haben, dessen Niederschreiben in öffentlicher Urkunde sie begehren und dessen Bestimmungen die folgenden sind:

§. 1

Jeder Theil der Brautleute wirft ein Beibringen von 50 M. fünfzig Mark in die Gemeinschaft, wogegen alles andere Vermögen, das gegenwärtige und künftige, das active und passive, davon ausgeschlossen, demnach jedem Theile vorbehalten beziehungsweise in Abzug gebracht wird.

§. 2

Der Bräutigam bringt in diese Ehe ein: [illegible], [illegible] und baares Geld im Betrag von — 1370 M. eintausend dreihundert siebenzig Mark worauf keine Schulden haften. Dieses Beibringen des Bräutigams wird von der Braut als richtig anerkannt.

§ 3

Die Braut bringt demselben in dieß Ehe: 1 an baarem Gelde den Betrag von 170 Mk – 2 ferner die folgenden Fahrniß-gegenstände.

×	2 vollständig aufgemachte Betten mit Bettstatten und doppelten Matratzen	M 700.–
×	2 Nachttischchen	60.–
×	1 Waschtisch	90.–
	2 Bettvorlagen	30.–
	1 Kleiderkasten	70.–
×	6 Rohrsessel	45.–
	1 Spieltischchen	30.–
	1 Spielwandle	30.–
×	1 Sopha mit 6 Sessel	345.–
	1 runden Tisch	45.–
×	1 Spiegelkasten	175.–
×	2 Kommoden	130.–
×	1 runden Tisch	35.–
	1 Umschlagtisch	30.–
	1 kleines rundes Tischchen	15.–
	1 Arbeitstischchen	30.–
×	2 Sophavorlagen	120.–
×	1 Kleiderkasten	70.–
	Uebertrag	2150 Mk –

Zu § 3.

Uebertrag	2150 M
1 Sopha	85 "
1 Schreibtisch	95 "
1 Bettvorlage	15 "
1 Kasten	24 "
1 runder Tisch	18 "
1 Schemel	3 "
Küchenkasten	30 "
Sämtliches Küchengeschirr u. Einrichtung	350 "
Dutzend Hemden	100 "
" Paar Strümpfe	100 "
Paar Unterhosen	44 "
Untertaillen	6 "
Bettjacken	20 "
Handtücher	35 "
Dutzend Küchenhandtücher	18 "
" Zimmerhandtücher	34 "
Stück Tischtücher	93 "
Dutzend Servietten	48 "
vollständige Bettanzüge mit Kissen u. Leintücher	210 "
3 wollene Tischdecken	50 "
gehäkelte, gestickte ec	70 "
Uebertrag	3598 M

Uebertrag 3598 fl.

6 gestickte Bauerndecken	50 "
16 " kleinere Decken	30 "
1 Staubkörbchen	20 "
7 vollständige Frauenkleideranzüge	120 "
1 seidenes Hochzeitskleid sammt Schleier u. Kranz	180 "
2 große Spiegel	95 "
5 größere Wandbilder	75 "
4 " Stahlstiche in Goldrahmen	85 "
3 gewöhnliche Stahlstiche	36 "
verschiedene Bücher	40 / sub 55 "
1 Stockuhr mit Glasglocke	+ nach 60 "
2 Federrohrhalter	18 "
1 Schlüsselhalter	4 "
1 Fußkissen	10 "
1 Sophakissen	14 "
10 Paar Fenstervorhänge groß u. klein	150 "
Summe	5240 fl.

Fünftausend zweihundert vierzig fl. worauf keine Schulden haften. Dieses Beibringen der Braut wird vom Bräutigam als vorhanden anerkannt und bescheinigt u. dessen Empfang.

(§. 4)

Für alle Fälle wird bedungen, daß der überlebende Ehegatte berechtigt sein soll, alles im Nachlaße des zuerst verstorbenen Ehegatten vorhandene Fahrniß um einen waisengerichtlich zu bestimmenden Anschlag als sein Eigenthum zu übernehmen, und die vorhandenen Erben mit ihren Ansprüchen daran in Geld auszulösen.

Bei einer früheren [illegible] Auflösung der Gemeinschaft soll der Braut und künftigen Ehefrau das Recht zustehen, die eingebrachten Fahrniße um den gerichtlichen Anschlag im Stück zurück zunehmen, oder auch unter Verzicht auf das Recht der Zurücknahme im Stück, sich den damaligen Anschlag ersetzen zu lassen.

(§. 5.)

Für den Fall der Eheauflösung durch das Ableben des einen oder andern Ehegatten, wird bestimmt, wenn bei dieser Eheauflösung keine Abkömmlinge vorhanden sind, daß der überlebende Ehegatte von dem

lasse des zuerst Versterbenden, als Eigenthum die beiden und —— 1800 fl. hiernach stehende Marx erhalten soll, das weitere Vermögen des Zuerstversterbenden bleibt in lebenslänglicher unentgeldlicher Nutznießung des Ueberlebenden.

Diese hierüber aufgenommene öffentliche Urkunde habe ich der Notar den Betheiligten in Gegenwart der Zeugen vorgelesen, worauf sie solche genehmigt und mit den Zeugen und mir dem Notar unterschrieben haben, mit der Bitte um Abschrift [illegible].

Die Urkunde ist auf zwei Bogen geheftet.

Urkunde 188
§10. 13. 12.–
§29 1–
13 fl.
Abschrift 7 fl.–

(gez.) Luise Brenner
" Heinrich Benz
" J. J. Müller
" [illegible] Schneider
(gez.) Huber
Notar

Die Richtigkeit vorstehender Abschrift und deren Uebereinstimmung

mit dem bei Großh Amtsgericht - hier
aufbewahrten Original wird hier-
mit beurkundet.

Lörrach 31 Januar 1876.
Großh: Notar
Huber

MARRIAGE CONTRACT between JOHANN [illegible] BENZ, single and of age, and
LOUISE [illegible], single and of age, taking place in JOHANN.

Date: 31 January 1876 Notary Public [illegible]
Witness: JOHANN [illegible]; Master of Baking
[illegible]

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THE BRIDE BRINGS: (DOWRY)

2 Complete Beds	550.00	Marks
with Double Mattress	700.00	"
2 Night stands	60.00	"
1 Vanity	90.00	"
1 Clothes Closet	70.00	"
2 Runners	30.00	"
6 Chairs	45.00	"
1 Table	30.00	"
1 Sofa & Chair	345.00	"
1 Round Table	45.00	"
1 Closet with mirror	175.00	"
2 Dressers	130.00	"
1 Table	35.00	"
1 Ext. Table	30.00	"
1 Small Round Table	15.00	"
1 Work Table	30.00	"
2 Sofa End Tables	120.00	"
1 Clothes Stand with Mirror	70.00	"
	2150.00	Marks

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carried over	2150.00	Marks
1 Sofa	85.00	Marks
1 Desk	95.00	"
1 Runner	15.00	"
1 Closet	20.00	"
1 Round Table	18.00	"
1 Foot Stool	3.00	"
1 Kitchen Closet	30.00	"
Complete Set of Dishes with Kitchen Utensils	350.00	"
2 doz. Shirts	100.00	"
5 doz. Pairs of Stockings	100.00	"
36 Pairs of Underpants	44.00	"

Carried over,	
6 Bras.	6.00 "
12 Night Gowns	20.00 "
48 Handkerchiefs	35.00 "
2 Doz.. Kitchen Towels	48.00 Marks
6 Sets of Sheets & Pillow Slips	210.00 "
3 Table Cloths	50.00 "
4 Crochet Table Cloths	70.00 "
	3598.00 Marks.
6 Crochet Scarves	50.00 "
16 Doilies	50.00 "
1 Basket	20.00 "
7 complete Dresses w. Accessories	720.00 "
1 Silk Bridalgown w. Veil & Crown	180.00 "
2 Large Mirrors	95.00 "
5 Large Pictures	75.00 "
4 Large Pictures in gold frame	85.00 "
3 Pictures	36.00 "
Collection Of Books	55.00 "
1 Floor Clock with Chimes	750.00 "
2 Garden Chairs	18.00 "
1 Key Plate to hang keys	4.00 "
1 Large Pillow	10.00 "
1 Large Sofa Pillow	14.00 "
Assorted items for the house	170.00 "
	5240.00 "

31 January 1876 Signed and Acknowledged
MICHAEL HUBER, Notary Public

B. b.

Heirathsurkunde.

Nr. 1

Thüringen am Dri ten Februar tausend acht hundert siebenzig und sechs

Vor dem unterzeichneten Standesbeamten erschienen heute zum Zwecke der Eheschließung:

1. der Johann Fridrich Benz der Persönlichkeit nach durch den von Person bekannten Peter Herlung anerkannt, evangelischer Religion, geboren den ein und dreißigsten Januar des Jahres tausend acht hundert fünfzig und eins zu Tegernau, wohnhaft zu Basel Aeschenvorstadt N. 64 Sohn des Webers Johann Fridrich Benz und dessen Ehefrau A. M. geb. Brech wohnhaft zu Tegernau

2. die Luise Steimle der Persönlichkeit nach durch den Peter Herlung anerkannt, evangelischer Religion, geboren den zwölften Januar des Jahres tausend acht hundert fünfzig zu Mühringen, wohnhaft zu Degerloch

BENZ

3-2(1) 3

Tochter des Christian Albrecht Steinle Metzger und dessen Ehefrau Margaretha geb. Söll wohnhaft zu Degerloch Königlich Oberamt Stuttgart

Als Zeugen waren zugezogen und erschienen:

3. der Gustav Schultheiß
der Persönlichkeit nach
bekannt,
zwanzigneun Jahre alt, wohnhaft zu Lörrach

4. der Peter Herlang
der Persönlichkeit nach
bekannt,
zwanzigsechs Jahre alt, wohnhaft zu Lörrach

In Gegenwart der Zeugen richtete der Standesbeamte an die Verlobten einzeln und nach einander die Frage:
ob sie erklären, daß sie die Ehe mit einander eingehen wollen.
Die Verlobten beantworteten diese Frage bejahend und erfolgte hierauf der Ausspruch des Standesbeamten, daß er sie nunmehr kraft des Gesetzes für rechtmäßig verbundene Eheleute erkläre.

Vorgelesen, genehmigt und unterschrieben

Joh. Friedrich Benz. Gustav Schultheiß
Luise Benz. Peter Herlang

Der Standesbeamte.

Mößlin Agnester

Daß vorstehender Auszug mit dem Heiraths-Haupt-Register des Standesamts zu Thumringen gleichlautend ist, wird hiermit bestätigt.

Thumringen am 11ten Februar 1876.

Der Standesbeamte.

Mößlin Agnester

Marriage License

No. 1

Thumringen on Third
February, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy Six

Today, appearing before the undersigned Court Clerk, expressing their intention of marriage:

1. JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ
in person ?
Lutheran Religion, born on Thirty First of
January, Eighteen Hundred and Fifty One at Tegernau,
living at Basel
Aeschenvorstadt No. 64,
Son of JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ 8
and his wife, A(NNA) M(ARIA), born BRECH living 6
at Tegernau

2. LOUISE STEIMLE
in person ?
Lutheran Religion, born on the Twelfth of
January, Eighteen Hundred and
Fifty, at Möhringen,
living at Degerloch
Daughter of CHRISTIAN ALBRECHT STEIMLE, Butcher, 9
and his wife, MARGARETHE, born SÖLL, living 4
at Degerloch, County of Stuttgart

As witnessed and signed by:

3. Gustave Schulteis
friend
twenty nine years old, living at Lörrach

4. Peter Herlang
friend
twenty six years old, living at Lörrach

In answer to the question proffered by the Court Clerk to each individually and together concerning their betrothal:

They declared their intention to be married before the Court Clerk and fulfill thereby the requirements of the law concerning matrimony.

Read and undersigned

JOH. FRIEDRICH BENZ Gustave Schulteis
LOUISE STEIMLE Peter Herlang

Court Clerk
Möschlein Bynester

Registered by the Court Clerk as the chief official in the Marriage Register at Thumringen
Thumringen on 11th February 1876

Court Clerk
Möschlein Bynester

WM. STRANGE & CO. P. O. Box 323.
Ribbon Manufacturers.

Paterson, N. J. Feby 14th 1880

"Mr F BENZ has been in our employ for the space of two years and during that time has proved himself to be a competent, industrious and in every respect a reliable young man.

We take pleasure in recommending him to anyone needing his services & feel sure that a trial of his ability etc. will prove perfectly satisfactory."

This first letter supports our belief that FREDERICK and his family emigrated to America in 1878.

HUGO FUNKE,
Manufacturer of
SILK RIBBONS.

College Point, Feby 28th 1881

"This is to certify that Mr. FRED BENZ has been employed in my business as Supt. for the last year & has filled his position as such to my full satisfaction."

R. Adams & Co.

Hamilton Mills Oct. 31st 1880
Paterson N. J.

"This is to certify that Mr F. BENZ has been in our employ as Supt of our Silk Dept. for some years and during that time has given us entire satisfaction, Proveing himself a man of exceptional business qualifications. And we would cheerfully recommend him to any one wishing his services."

Morrisania Silk Mills,
RICHARD WALTER,
Manufacturers of Silks and Ribbons,
NOVELTIES A SPECIALTY.
FOURTH AVE., NEAR 167th STREET.

New York, Feb 2d 1885.

"Mr FRED BENZ has been in my Employ as Superintendent from November 1st 1883 up to date and has during that time shown himself thouroughly competent, thrustworthy and reliable in every respect. I can heartily recommend Mr BENZ and wish him all success possible in any future undertaking."

On 19 October 1888, FREDERICK became a citizen of the United States of America. A reduced copy of his certificate follows on page 241.

ROBERT ADAMS. HENRY ADAMS.

R. & H. ADAMS
SILK AND COTTON GOODS

WORKS: PATERSON, N.J.
BIRMINGHAM, CONN.
NORTH SCITUATE, R.I.

16 GREENE STREET.

New York, Dec. 12 - 1894. 18

"It gives us pleasure to testify to the ability of Mr. F. BENTZ as a ribbon manufacturer. He has been in our employ for the past 11 years and during that time distinguished himself for diligence, integrity and conscientious discharge of his duties."

THE MEDING M'F'G CO.,
GRANITE MILL,

PATERSON, N. J., March 2, 1895.

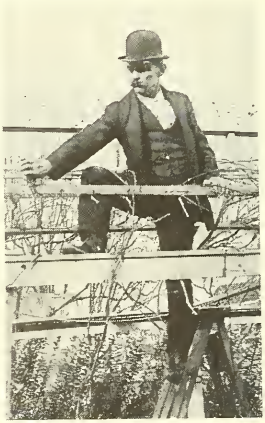
"Mr. FREDERIC BENZ has been with us for over a year previous to January 1st, 1894, as superintendent of our ribbon department. We take pleasure in recommending him to any one in want of a good man."

FRANK WEILBACHER,
MANUFACTURER OF RIBBONS,
171-187 Wallabout St.

Brooklyn. N. Y., June 29 1892

"I hereby certify that Mr FRED BENZ has been in our employ as foreman for about six months and heartily recommend him to any one desiring a man for that position."

LOUISE



FREDERICK

LOUISE died on 29 March 1919. Her obituary reads in part as follows:

"Mrs. LOUISE BENZ, wife of FREDERICK BENZ, passed away in St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday, following the effects of an operation. She had been a resident of Paterson and vicinity for forty-seven years, and was widely known and generally esteemed of this and Haledon, where her home is located at 282 Belmont avenue.

Mrs. BENZ was sixty-nine years of age and was born in Stuttgart, Germany, coming to America when she was a young woman. She is survived by her husband and nine children. ----"

ANY COUNTRY. SECOND PAPERS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Passaic County, ss.

At an Inferior Court of Common Pleas, holden at Paterson, in and for the County of Passaic, of the term of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight

Be it Remembered, that on the Sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, personally appeared in open Court, Frederick Benz an Alien, and prayed to be admitted to become a Citizen of the United States; and it appearing to the said Court, that he had declared on oath before the Clerk of the said Court,

on the Eighth day of October A. D., 188 8 that it was bona fide his intention to become a Citizen of the United States, and to renounce, forever, all allegiance and fidelity to any Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to

William Emperor of Germany

of whom he was at that time a subject. And the Court being satisfied that he has resided in the United States five years at least, and within the State of New Jersey, one year at least; and, that during that time, he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same. And, he having declared on oath, in open Court, that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and that he does absolutely and entirely renounce and adjure all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly, to

William the Emperor of Germany

of whom he was heretofore a Subject

This Court do thereupon, by virtue of the Acts of the Congress of the United States in such case made and provided, admit him to all the rights, privileges and immunities of a FREE CITIZEN of the United States of America.

State of New Jersey, } ss.
Passaic County, }

I, WILLIAM M. SMITH, Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Passaic, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Record of the Naturalization of Frederick Benz as the same remains on the Records of the said Court in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, at Paterson, in the County of Passaic, aforesaid, the Sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight

CLERK.

1	Emmy Agnes Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4)	(W)daughter of brother Gottlieb
2	Lucille Faith Harris	3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3)	granddaughter
3	Charlotte Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(3)	(W)sister
4	MARGARETHE SÖLL	12;4-1( )	(W)mother
5	Mathilde Benz	3;3-2(1),2(2)	daughter
6	ANNA MARIA BRECH -	11;4-1( )	(H)mother
7	Louise Benz	3;3-2(1),2(1)	daughter
8	JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ	3;4-3( )	(H)father
9	CHRISTIAN ALBRECHT STEIMLE	6;4-2(6)	(W)father

Frederick Benz

Lisa Lenz.

3;4-3( ),3(3)
Ludwig Friedrich Benz
b.19 May 1853 Tegernau, W.Ger.

m.

d. age 1921 age 68

3;4-3( ),3(4)
Johann Georg Benz
b.17 Apr 1857 Tegernau, W.Ger.

m.
age
d.11 Dec 1903
age 46

Johann Georg Benz 3;4-3( ),3(4) Marie Woessner

Our history of Georg and Marie, except for a few details from our researcher which are added in parentheses, is copied from "History of Paterson and Its Environs" by William Nelson and Charles A. Shriner, Volume III, page 370, Lewis Historical Publishing Company, New York and Chicago, 1920:

"George Benz --- was born in (Degernau) Baden, (West) Germany, April 15 (17), 1857. He came to this country in 1877 and settled in College Point, N.Y., where he remained for a short time, accepting a position as superintendent with a silk firm. A short time later he took a similar position in the old Hamilton Mill, this city, and was employed in various other silk mills, where his impartiality to all employees was the cause of his being universally liked. For many years he was a member of the old Arion Singing Society, one of the finest in the State, also played proficiently the zither and guitar. In 1879 his wife, who was Marie Woessner, of Baden, (West) Germany, and George, [1] their son, came to this country and settled in Paterson, N.J. Mrs. Benz possessed a sweet soprano voice and also played the guitar acceptably. The home life of the Benz family was ideal, music being essentially a part of everyday life. Mr. Benz died (on 11 December) in 1903, and one year later Mrs. Benz passed away. Only two of their children are now living, Edith, wife of [2] A(ugustus) C. Lotz; and George ----" [3]

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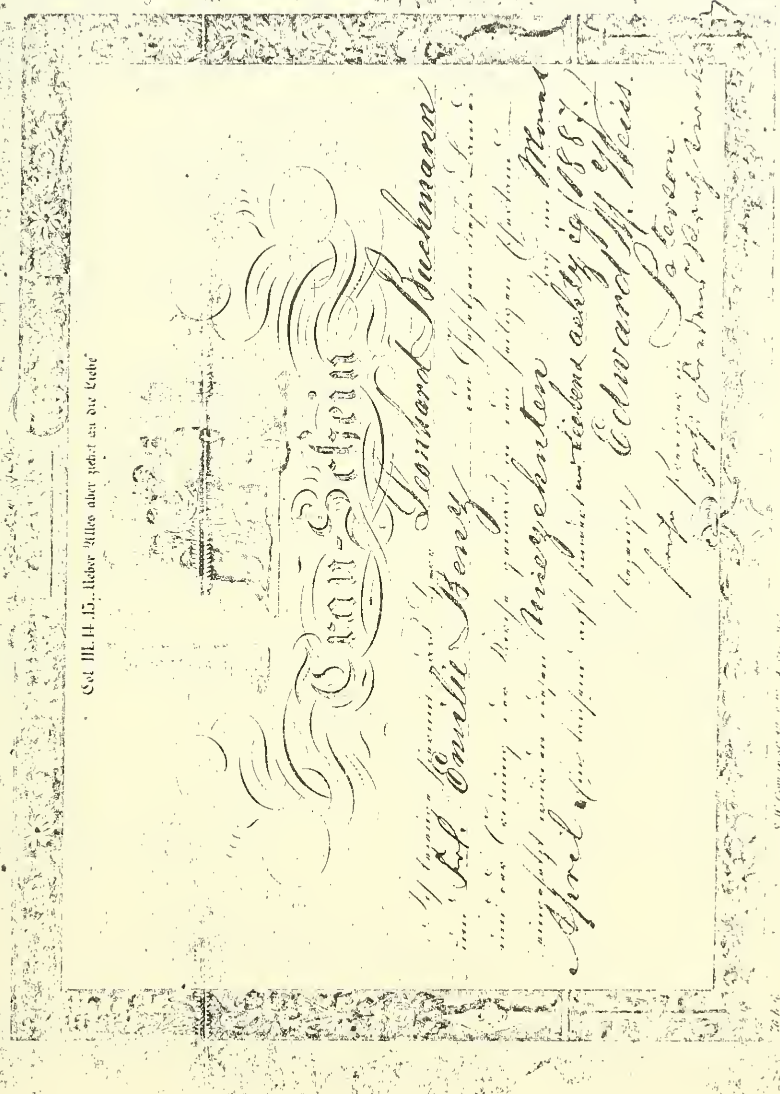
1 George Benz 3;4-3( ),3(4),2(1) son
2 Edith Benz 3;4-3( ),3(4),2(3) daughter
3 Augustus C. Lotz H3;4-3( ),3(4),2(3) husband of daughter Edith

3;4-3( ),3(6) Emilie Benz b.27 Aug 1868 Lörrach, Baden, W.Ger. m.14 Apr 1887 Paterson, NJ age 19 d.15 Jan 1948 age 79	Leonhardt Buchmann b.13 Dec 1866 Hilzingen, Kreis Konstanz, W.Ger. age 20 d.18 Mar 1948 age 81
2(1) Emily Buchmann b.10 Apr 1888 m.14 Jul 1906 age 22 d.20 Jan 1974 age 85	2(2) Frederick Buchmann b. 4 Sep 1891 m.20 Dec 1922 age 31 d.24 Jun 1969 age 77
2(4) Leonhard Buchmann b. 4 Oct 1897 Haledon, NJ m.30 Nov 1922 age 25 d. age	2(3) George Buchmann b.19 Jul 1895 m. age d. age


Col. III.14.15. „Ueber Alles aber ziehet an die Liebe"

Trau-Schein

Leonhard Buchmann

Frl. Emilie Benz

neunzehnten Monat

April (1887)

Edward M. Weiss.

Paterson

3;3-2(1) 9 JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ b.31 Jan 1851 Tegernau, W.Ger. age 25 d.25 Jun 1921 Laurel Grove Cem. age 70 Paterson, NJ	6;3-1(1) 10 LOUISE STEIMLE b.12 Jan 1850 Möhringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger. m. 3 Feb 1876 Tumringen, W.Ger. age 26 d.29 Mar 1919 Laurel Grove Cem. age 69 Paterson, NJ
2(1) Louise Benz b.26 Jun 1876 Basel, Switzerland d.23 Sep 1959 Laurel Grove Cem. age 83 Paterson, NJ	X
2(2) Mathilda Benz b.18 Feb 1878 Basel, Switzerland m. Jan 1899 Haledon, NJ age 20 d.20 Jul 1964 age 86	John Marder b. 7 Nov 1875 age 23 d. 7 Dec 1964 age 89
2(3) Frederick Benz b. 2 Feb 1880 Paterson, NJ d.16 May 1946 Laurel Grove Cem. age 66 Paterson, NJ	X
2(4) Otto Karl Benz b. 4 Feb 1882 Paterson, NJ age 31 d. 8 Feb 1962 Laurel Grove Cem. age 80 Paterson, NJ	Marie Urweider b. 1894 m.24 Sep 1913 age 19 d.14 Jul 1969 Laurel Grove Cem. age 75 Paterson, NJ
2(5) Herman Benz b.11 Mar 1885 Morrisania, NY age 21 d. 7 Mar 1959 Cedar Lawn Cem. age 74 Paterson, NJ	Mary Margaret Dyer b.14 May 1876 Paterson, NJ m. 4 Sep 1906 Paterson, NJ age 30 d. 1 Jun 1958 Cedar Lawn Cem. age 82 Paterson, NJ

2(6) Emma Helen Benz b.13 Jun 1887 Haledon, NJ m. 1917 age 30 d. 8 Jan 1919 Laurel Grove Cem. age 31 Paterson, NJ	Cornelius Meyer b.23 Oct 1889 age 28 d. age
3;2-1(7) 4 NATHALIA ELIZABETH BENZ b.10 Sep 1889 Haledon, NJ m.25 Jun 1913 St. Mary's Church, age 23 Haledon, NJ d.16 Mar 1964 Laurel Grove Cem. age 74 Paterson, NJ	1;2-2(1) 3 WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD b.15 Feb 1889 North Haledon, NJ age 4 d.15 Dec 1954 Laurel Grove Cem. age 65 Paterson, NJ
2(8) Paul Frederick Benz b.17 Apr 1892 Haledon, NJ d.16 Feb 1930 Laurel Grove Cem. age 37 Paterson, NJ	X
2(9) Adelaide Margaret Benz b.17 Apr 1892 Haledon, NJ m. 7 Oct 1915 St. Mary's Church, age 23 Haledon, NJ d. age	Arthur John Harris b.18 Apr 1890 Paterson, NJ age 25 d.15 Oct 1934 Laurel Grove Cem. age 44 Paterson, NJ

Louise Benz 3;3-2(1),2(1)

A reduced reproduction of the birth certificate for Louise follows on the next page and a translation below:

"Switzerland: Public Record

Kanton Basel - City. Civil Registrar's Office( )Basel-City

Extract from the Register of Births

Year 1876 No. 1021

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On twenty sixth of June, eighteen hundred seventy six, at six and a quarter hours A.M., in Basel, Nordalbring Road. 21 alive born: Louise, legitimate daughter of JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ, vocation: 1
of Tegernau, County of Shopfheim, in Basel, Nordalbring Road. 21
and LOUISE STEIMLE 2
of Degerloch, Kingdom of Württemberg

For true Extract

Basel, on 27th June 1876 City Official

G. Merian"

During 1878, Louise was brought to America by her parents. The first news we find of Louise comes from the record of her confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Haledon, NJ, on 29 April 1891, reproduced two pages forward.

Louise died on 23 September 1959. Part of her obituary reads as follows:

"Haledon - Services for Miss Louise Benz, formerly of Haledon, will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Moore Home for Funerals, 384 Totowa Ave. Burial will be in Laurel Grove Cemetery.----

Miss Benz died suddenly yesterday morning in her home at the Asbury Hudson Hotel, Asbury Park. She had lived there since moving from Haledon two years ago. Born in Germany, the daughter of FREDERICK and LOUISE STEIMLE BENZ, she lived most of her life 1,2
in Haledon. She was a member of St. Mary's Memorial Episcopal Church. ----"

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1 JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ 3;3-2(1) father
2 LOUISE STEIMLE 6;3-1(1) mother

Schweiz. Eidgenossenschaft.

Kanton

Basel-Stadt.

Civilstandsamt Basel-Stadt.

Auszug aus dem Geburts-Register

Jahrgang 1876, No. 1021

Band — Seite 511.

Den sechsundzwanzigsten Juni achtzehnhundert siebenzig und sechs um drei viertel Uhr vormittags wurde in Basel, St. Albanvorstadt No. ... lebend geboren: Louise eheliche Tochter des Johann Friedrich Benz (Beruf) Commis von Tegernau, Amt Schopfheim, Großh. Baden in Basel, St. Albanvorstadt ... und der Louise Heinzle von Dägerlich, Kgr. Württemberg

Für getreuen Auszug

Basel, den 27ten Juni 1876.

Der Civilstandsbeamte:

G. ...

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BENZ
3-2(1),2(1)3

BENZ 3
3-2(1),2(2)

Saint Mary's Church "The Church in the Pines" Haledon, New Jersey

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME, GREETING:

This is to certify that the following transcript is taken from the Records of St. Mary's Church, Haledon, New Jersey and appears in Volume #2, page 149:

CONFIRMED:

Date: Wednesday, April 29th 1891
Number: 33
Name: Louisa Benz
Bishop Confirming: Rt. Rev. Thomas A. Starkey
Minister in charge: Rev. Elmer S. Forbes
Place: St. Mary's Church, Haledon, N. J.
Number in class: 7
Names of Confirmation Class:

#30	Daniel Ritter
31	Peter Arlington
32	Bertha Hunziker
33	Louisa Benz
34	Emma Stansfield
35	Esther Stansfield
36	Ella Van Riper

Given under my hand and the seal of St. Mary's Church this sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty two.

Gordon T. Jones.
Rector

John Marder
b. 7 Nov 1875

age 23
d. 7 Dec 1964
age 89

3;3-2(1),2(2)
Mathilde Benz
b.18 Feb 1878 Basel, Switzerland

m. Jan 1899 Haledon, NJ
age 20
d.20 Jul 1964
age 86

3;3-2(1),2(3) Frederick Benz b. 2 Feb 1880 Paterson, NJ d.16 May 1946 Laurel Grove Cem. age 66 Paterson, NJ
1;2-2(1) 3 WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD brother-in-law

Frederick Benz 3;3-2(1),2(3)

Fred was born at 25 Bond Street in Paterson, NJ, on 2 February 1880.

His obituary reads in part as follows:

"Frederick Benz of 282 Belmont Avenue, Haledon, died last night at 9 o'clock in the Paterson General Hospital.

Mr. Benz was born in Paterson and had resided in Haledon for 60 years. He was a member of St. Mary's Memorial Episcopal Church, Haledon, and had been employed as a loomfixer and draftsman.----

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but will be held in the John Vermeulen Funeral Home, 336 Broadway, and interment will be in Laurel Grove Cemetery."

Fred's Franklin

Otto Karl Benz 3;3-2(1),2(4) Marie Urweider

Otto was born at 15 Mulberry Street, Paterson, NJ, on 4 February 1882.

A brief history of Otto was published in the "History Of North Haledon" on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the town:

"Otto Benz, who lives at 55 Gionti Place with his wife, the former Marie Urweider, has achieved the distinction of being recognized by both "Who's Who in the East" and "Who's Who in American Art." Mr. Benz is a man of many talents; he is an outstanding textile designer, equally skilled in prints and jacquards. Although he is "self educated," he possesses a great knowledge and rare appreciation of Nature; and he is so well-versed in botany, horticulture, minerology, Indian archaeology, and astronomy, that he is often consulted as an authority in these fields.

In the realm of art, Mr. Benz has attained an enviable position. He is the recipient of two first prizes and a gold medal for his paintings; he is a regular exhibitor at the Montclair Museum; and on three occasions, he has held highly successful one-man exhibitions of his work in Montclair, Glen Rock, and Pompton Falls.

As his background indicates, most of the themes of Mr. Benz's paintings are inspired by Nature. He is particularly fond of depicting scenes of historical value in this vicinity, some of which no longer exist, and many of which he has portrayed in all seasons. In fact, Mr. Benz says that he could "spend a lifetime putting North Haledon on canvas, with its variety of subjects and changing aspects.""

Herman Benz 3;3-2(1),2(5) Mary Margaret Dyer

Hermann was born at 1093 Franklin Avenue, Morrisania, New York, NY, on 11 March 1885.

Our first news of Herman is his confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Haledon, NJ. His Certificate of Confirmation is reproduced on the following page.

Herman died on 7 March 1959. His obituary reads in part as follows:

"Herman Benz, of High Mountain Rd., Franklin Lakes, retired commercial manager of the Paterson Commercial Public Service office and a director of the First National Bank of Passaic County, died suddenly at Mexico City Saturday, where he was vacationing with a daughter, Mrs. Claire Benz Stoddard, of Dallas, Tex. Death was attributed to a heart attack. 1

Mr. Benz became associated with the predecessor company to Public Service April 28, 1902, as a secretary to the Passaic Divisions agent. He was a cashier in the Paterson commercial office in 1911, and a year later became a chief clerk at the Hackensack Commercial office. On Jan. 1, 1914, he became agent at that office. Mr. Benz was appointed agent at Passaic July 1, 1916, and agent, a title later changed to commercial manager, at Paterson, Jan. 1, 1922.

During the 27 years Mr. Benz was the commercial agent in Paterson, he was active in the industrial and commercial expansion of the city. He was an original member of the Paterson Industrial Commission, formed in 1936, and later became its president. On the board, Mr. Benz represented the Paterson service clubs.

He was an active member of the Paterson Rotary Club and was one of the originators of the Rotary Student Loan Fund. Mr. Benz was also a member of the Paterson Chamber of Commerce and the Planning Commission. He retired April 1, 1948, from Public Service. Mr. Benz was the executive vice-president of the Buitoni Foods Corporation, South Hackensack. He was married to the former Mina Dyer of Paterson who died June 1, 1958. ----"

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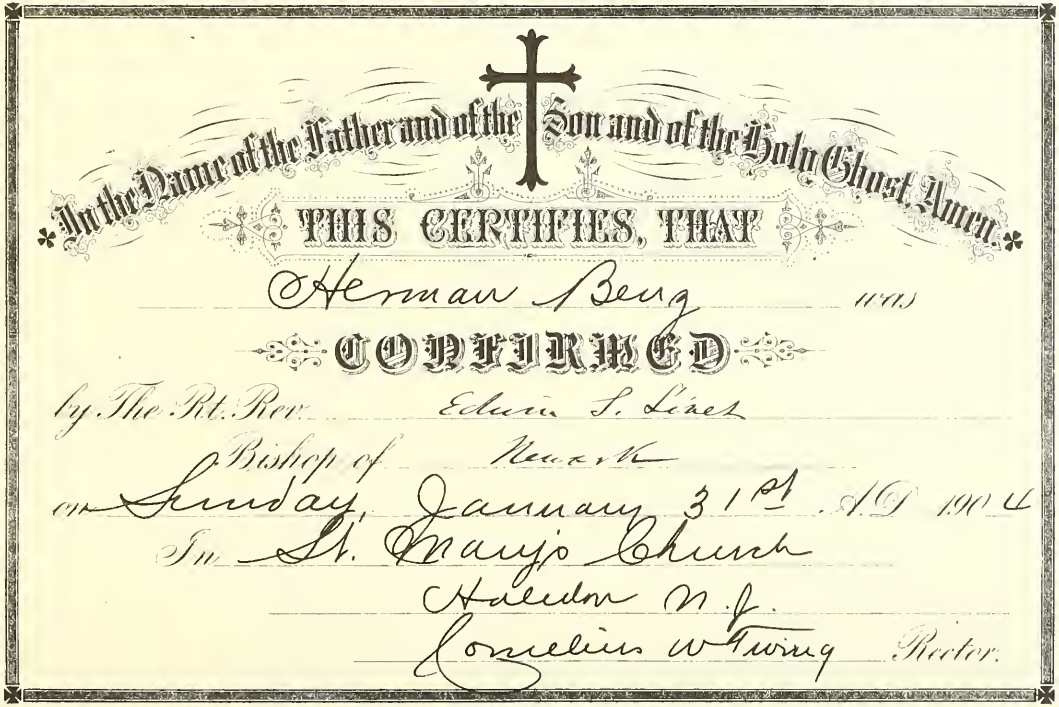
1 Claire Marie Benz 3;3-2(1),2(5),1(1) daughter



In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

THIS CERTIFIES, THAT

Herman Benz was

CONFIRMED

by The Rt. Rev. Edwin S. Lines

Bishop of Newark

on Sunday, January 31st A.D. 1904

In St. Mary's Church

Haledon N.J.

Cornelius W. Twing Rector.

Henry B. Van Hoesen, 131 W. 23rd St. New York.

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3;3-2(1),2(6).
Emma Helen Benz
b.13 Jun 1887 Haledon, NJ

m. 1917
age
d. 8 Jan 1919 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 31 Paterson, NJ

Emma Helen Benz 3:3-2(1),2(6) Cornelius Meyer

Other than the statistics of her birth, the first news we have of Emma refers to her participation in a piano and violin duet with her sister, NATHALIA, during the commencement exercises of School No. 2, Haledon, NJ, on 26 June 1907. Emma's brother, Paul, and sister, Adelaide, were members of the graduating class. The Program is reproduced on the following two pages. 1 2 3

A brief newsbit appeared in one of the Paterson, NJ, newspapers dated 24 February 1934 in the "Looking Back Twenty-Five Years Ago" columns:

"Miss Emma Benz has returned home following an extended stay in Philadelphia."

In his letter from Lewisburg, PA, dated 3 May 1912, to his father, Paul included a brief reference to his sister, Emma: 5 2

"I am very sorry to hear of the state of affairs between Emma and Joe."

We do not know the identity of Joe. Lucille Harris added a clue in her letter of 11 April 1978 to WILLIAM and MARGARET MAYNARD: 8 9,10

"Incidentally, Emma was engaged several times. Two died, and one decided on another girl."

On 8 January 1919, Emma died only about two weeks following the birth of her daughter, Winifred. Her obituary reads in part as follows: 4

"Widespread sympathy was expressed throughout the city today over the death of Mrs. Emma Benz Meyer, who passed away at Miriam Barnet Hospital last night. She was well known in Paterson as a musician, and the news of her death came as a shock to many friends. Two weeks ago a baby girl was born to Mrs. Meyer. She appeared to be regaining her strength until a week ago when paralysis set in and also pneumonia. Her condition became worse early last evening and her husband, Cornelius Meyer, and her family were summoned and were at the bedside when the end came.

Emma Benz Meyer entered the local musical field during her school days. She was born in Haledon on June 13, thirty-one years ago, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. FRED BENZ. She attended the local public schools, and was graduated from the Paterson High School. While in High School she took up musical work and acted as accompanist under the direction of George Steinmetz and D. Horatio Snyder, musical director of the public schools at that time. She studied under the tutor-ship of J. William Keen, who often declared that she was his best pupil. 5,6

Mrs. Meyer was a pianist of exceptional ability, and appeared in public in Paterson on many occasions. For several years she acted as organist in St. Mary's Episcopal Church, in Haledon,

Class of 1907.

EDNA R. ANDREWS
WILLIAM BAUMGARTNER
ADELAIDE M. BENZ
*PAUL F. BENZ
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GENEVIEVE E. GARDNER
GEORGE HARTLEY
LAURA E. LOETSCHER
EDWARD MARTIN
HARRY C. MARTIN
RUTH I. NEILL
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FLORENCE A. PRIES
CATHARINE H. ROE
JOHN CALVIN ROE
||CHARLOTTE M. ULRICH
WILLIAM C. YUCKER

|| First honor. * Second honor.

Commencement Exercises

School Number Two

Haledon, Manchester Township,

Passaic County, N. J.

June the Twenty-sixth

Nineteen Hundred Seven.

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PROGRAM

Part First

1. March.....Miss Ulrich
2. Invocation.....Rev. Irving A. McGrew
3. Salutatory.....Paul Benz
4. Song, "High School March".....Class of 1907
5. Essay, "Cruelty to Animals".....Edward Martin
6. Duet, Piano and Violin, selected,

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Part Second

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3. Recitation from "David Harum"..Genevieve Gardner
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6. Class Reminiscences.....Class of 1907
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8. Presentation of Diplomas.....Mr. Henry Burrell
9. Benediction.....Rev. John H. Timbrell

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succeeding Professor George Benz. Later she acted in the same capacity at Grace Methodist Episcopal Church on Water street. Her most important work in Paterson was that of accompanist at both the first and second renditions of "The Messiah," given under the direction of George Benz. She also acted as accompanist in all of Mr. Benz's choral work and was regarded by him as one of the most accomplished musicians in this section of the state. 7 7

The deceased was married two years ago to Cornelius Meyer, the local feed and grain merchant, and made her home at 187 Haledon avenue. ----

Funeral services will be held at the home of her parents, 282 Belmont avenue, Haledon, at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and at the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Water street, a half-hour later. The Rev. George Mooney, of this city, and the Rev. George Whitehead, of Dover, will conduct the service. Interment will be made in Laurel Grove cemetery."

1	NATHALIA ELIZABETH BENZ	3;2-1(7)	sister
2	Paul Frederick Benz	3;3-2(1),2(8)	brother
3	Adelaide Margaret Benz	3;3-2(1),2(9)	sister
4	Winifred Meyer	3;3-2(1),2(6),1(1)	daughter
5	JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ	3;3-2(1)	father
6	LOUISE STEIMLE	6;3-1(1)	mother
7	George Benz	3;4-3( ),3(4),2(1)	cousin
8	Lucille Faith Harris	3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3)	daughter of sister Adelaide
9	WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD	1;1-1(1)	son of sister NATHALIA
10	MARGARET LYDIA MAURER	2;1-1(4)	wife of WILLIAM MAYNARD

NATHALIA ELIZABETH BENZ 3;2-1(7)

NATHALIA participated in a piano and violin duet with her sister, Emma, in the Program for the Commencement Exercises of School Number Two, Haledon, NJ, held on 26 June 1907. NATHALIA's brother, Paul, and sister, Adelaide, were members of the graduating class. The Program is reproduced on the two following pages. 1 2,3

On 1 March 1913, NATHALIA, along with nine others, signed a page in the autograph album of JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE. A copy is shown three pages forward. Although there is no indication of the reason for the group being together, the date suggests that the occasion was a shower for NATHALIA, then a "bride-to-be.". 4 6,7,8

NATHALIA married WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD at St. Mary's Church, in Haledon, NJ, on 25 June 1913. 5

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1 Emma Helen Benz	3;3-2(1),2(6)	sister
2 Paul Frederick Benz	3;3-2(1),2(8)	brother
3 Adelaide Margaret Benz	3;3-2(1),2(9)	sister
4 JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	(h) mother
5 WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;2-2(1)	husband
6 Dora Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(1)	(h) cousin
7 Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	(h) maternal aunt
8 Madeline Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(3)	(h) cousin

Class of 1907.

EDNA R. ANDREWS	HARRY C. MARTIN
WILLIAM BAUMGARTNER	RUTH I. NEILL
ADELAIDE M. BENZ	DORA ETHEL POTTS
*PAUL F. BENZ	FLORENCE A. PRIES
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Commencement Exercises

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Passaic County, N. J.

June the Twenty-sixth

Nineteen Hundred Seven.

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Nathalia E. Benz.

6 Dora Leonhard.

Helen Primose

7 Margaret C. Leonhard

Helen Fitzherd

3 Adelaide Benz

1 Emma Helen Benz

8 Madeline Leonhard.

Maude Mae D. Post.

4 Julia P. Maynard

Squaw Brook Mar. 1st 1913

3;3-2(1),2(8)
Paul Frederick Benz
b.17 Apr 1892 Haledon, NJ

d.16 Feb 1930 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 37 Paterson, NJ

Paul Frederick Benz 3;3-2(1),2(8)

Paul and his sister, Adelaide, were twins, born of JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ and LOUISE STEIMLE, on 17 April 1892, in Haledon, NJ. 1 2,3

The Program for the Commencement Exercises of School Number Two, Haledon, NJ, held on 26 June 1907, gives us our earliest news of Paul. He was graduated with second honor and delivered the Salutatory in the first part of the Program. A copy of the Program follows on the next two pages.

Paul was graduated from Paterson High School on 27 June 1911 having completed the Classical Course. The Commencement Program is reproduced on the third and fourth pages following.

It is not clear from a series of letters from Paul whether he entered Lehigh University in the fall of 1911 or 1912 and what he was doing in the years between then and his graduation from Lehigh in 1922. His first letter was written from Lewisburg, PA, on 3 May 1912 to his father: 2

"I received your welcome letter and a little surprise for which I am very thankful and which I appreciate very much.

I shall not be on vacation until about June the seventeenth, owing to negotiations which I must carry on between Bucknell and Lehigh, prior to my entrance to Lehigh next Fall. I am not certain about exact time yet, when I can begin work this summer, but it will not fall later than June 17th.

There is another matter very uncertain up to the present time of which I have not spoken of yet, to you. I guess that you will be very much surprised when I tell you. It is an undertaking of mine by which I managed to raise a good sum of money to pay my expenses entirely, without being obliged to borrow any from home or to fall-back on you to pay the Bills. The uncertainty arises in the fact that the project is not yet closed and that I am thus not able to ascertain the exact amount of my profit.

Here is the Story. —

Two Seniors in the college, and myself, came together and made up to buy a restaurant which is operated on the grounds adjacent to the college. The two Seniors furnished the capital and I was to run the restaurant. We accomplished our object by Jan 5th and I immediately began my part of the work. We have gotten along very agreeably so far and at the end of this month we are going to sell our establishment to a Boy who is going to operate it next year. As the result I have earned over one-hundred dollars as the share of my profits, an average of six dollars per week. My hours were from 10:00 o'clock until 12.00 in the morning and from 10;00 until midnight at night. You see I had very short hours for the money earned.

Now I may come out fifty dollars ahead of my expenses for the year or I may be about ten dollars short, all depending upon the price we receive when we sell out.----

In regard to the analysis of the swamp water, I think that I am unable as yet, to accurately analyse the substance for the

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PATERSON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1911.

Completing Course, January 31, 1911.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Isadore Blumenthal
Rose Blumenthal
Viola Braun
Morris Metz Cohen
Myrtle Armenia Dougherty
Ottilie Eagleson
Alice Findlay
Emma Dater Forbes
Ethel Garner
Ruthe Jennie Gowdy
Eva Louise Graham
Ruth Elizabeth Harriot
Andrew M. Harvey
Magdalene W. Hepp
Francis Marie Howell
Minnie Jacobson
William Martin Jaffe
Ethel Keyes
Louise Emily Kupferer
Herbert Dillistin Lauterman
Sidney Charles Levine
Annie Frazer Livingstone
Mary Christina Reilly
Harry Edwin Rosen
Anna Florence Ruth Saul
Peter Stam, Jr.
Alfred James Torrens
Richard Islander
Leon Veltin
Irma White
Marion Margaret Whitmore
Elizabeth Zabriskie

SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

Ysobel Cashman
Jean Dumont
Richard Ettelson
Russel Fritz
Ethel Margaret Geratmayer
Olive Gray
Serena Beatrice Hupper
Harry James
Louisa Kayl
Michael P. Levine
Cornelia Perkart
Isaac Stevens Sparkman
Teresa Tierney

MECHANIC ARTS COURSE.

Lloyd Ackerman
John Bame
Benjamin Harris Kulman

Completing Course June 30, 1911.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Irene May Ackerman
Harold Joseph Adams
Amelia Bradley Anderson
Harold William Anderson
Gertrude Ayres
Julia Cathrine Bang
Viva M. Barker
Margaret Joliner Barrie
Adelaide Margaret Benz
Paul Frederick Benz
Alwilda Booth
Harry Godden Bowne
Nellie Hopper Brinkerhoff
Jessie Brisnow
Lucy Genevieve Cogan
Edison Franklin Comstock
Robert Ray Comstock
Charles Spence Dodd
Merle Freeman
Myra Lincoln Freestone
Marion Hawthorne Gardner
Catherine Margaret Gilchrist
Lillian Heck
Marguerite Claire Hogg
Alice May Hunziker
Rae Levin
Margaret Emma McCabe
Helen Caul McHarahan
Stasia Mercedes Murphy
Florence Augusta Price
Margaret Amelia Rout
Catherine Hough Roe
Lucy Anne Penny
Beatrice Alice Rogowski
Margaret Sherman Romary
Alice Schwaebe
Lou Violet Simonton
Edna Anna Storms
Beatrice May Thomson
Mae Torbet
Martin Van Dyke
Donald King Van Riper
Vincent VanderVoort
Frances Anna Walsh
William James Weeks
Blanche Lida Wylie
Bessie Gene Yeomans

SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

Elmer Blue
Benj. Bockhout
Clarence Saul Briggs
Roy Winfield Burkart
Maurice Cohen
Christine Polk
Laura Gardiner
Maria Louise Gallant
Jane Grinker
Fredk Herman Hoffmann
Emile Landau
Bertha Thevard Loll
William Mellema
Mildred Mosher
Robert Henry Neal
Ethel Thistle
Russell Vreeland Tuers

MECHANIC ARTS COURSE.

Edo Albert Anderson
Harry Burkwald
Benjamin Grolpeski
Raymond Harber
James Newton Heath
Robert MacCulloch
Charles Ringel, Jr.
Martin Henry Reymond
Bruce Sheppard
James Raymond Stone
William VanderClock
Edwin Van Splinter

GENERAL COURSE.

Viola Margaret Braecklein
Joseph Edward Campbell
Mabel Harrison
Regina Marie Hughes
Israel Kutlanzick
Herman Cecil Lebowitz
Adelaide Alma Lockwood
Harry Isadore Ludwig
Joseph Morris Price
Lillian Hortense Rosenberg
Hazel Dolores Thompson
Francis Roy Zabriskie

COMMERCIAL COURSE.

Ethel Wortendyke Ackerman
Edna Ruth Andrews
Maud Eleanor Bathmann
May Hannah Bullock
Cornelia De Graaf
George Howard Duxbury
Edgar Harold King Ellis
William Ford
Eva Marie Johnson
Margaret Rose Kenny
James Denby Mitchell
Helen Moran
Ella Prescott
Emilie Voltz
Reginald Reynolds Wilde

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL

Commencement

THE CLASS OF
NINETEEN ELEVEN

Paterson High School

Tuesday Evening, June 27th

EIGHT O'CLOCK

ASSEMBLY HALL
NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

CHORUS SINGING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
GEORGE J. STEINMETZ, JR., A. B.

ACCOMPANIST, MISS ADELAIDE MARGARET BENZ

ORCHESTRAL MUSIC UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
PROFESSOR ARTHUR R. DUNKERLEY

THE MEHLIN GRAND PIANO USED ON THIS OCCASION.

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PROGRAMME

PART FIRST

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1. OVERTURE—"Zampa".....Orchestra

2. PROCESSIONAL MARCH.....Mendelssohn

The Class of Nineteen Eleven will proceed from the main entrance of the Assembly Hall to the platform.

3. PRAYER.

The Reverend James Bristow.

4. CHORUS—The Children's Hour (Longfellow).....Gaul

The Class of Nineteen Eleven.

5. RECITATION—An Original Romance.....

Irene May Ackerman.

6. PIANO SOLO—La Polka De La Reine.....Raff

Viola Margaret Braecklein.

7. VOCAL SOLO—The Bird of the Twilight (Cave).....Gould

Mildred Moshier.

8. ORATION—The Lessons of History .....

Peter Sinn, Jr.

9. SELECTION—"Spring Maid".....

Orchestra.

PROGRAMME

PART SECOND

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10. PIANO SOLO—Hungarian Rhapsody II.....Liszt

Jane Grinker.

11. RECITATION—The Crown of Olives—An Olympian Race

Edna Anna Storms.

12. CHORUS—"I Waited for the Lord".....Mendelssohn

Mildred Moshier, Blanche Lida Wylie and the Class of Nineteen Eleven.

13. The Class will be presented for Graduation by

John R. Wilson, Superintendent of Schools

14. The Awarding of Diplomas will be made by

Mr. William J. Bridges, President of the Board of Education

15. The Commencement Address will be made by

W. H. S. Demarest, LL. D., President of Rutgers College

16. CHORUS—The Erlking. .....Schubert

The Class of Nineteen Eleven.

17. MARCH—"Universal Peace".....

Orchestra.

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reason that it is a matter of complicated organic chemistry. I study this in my third and last part of the second year of college, and I therefore deem it best to defer the work until then. At that time I shall be required to bring just such samples to class, for discussion as well as for analysis.

I am getting along perfectly grand. The board is as good as can be obtained, which is well shown in that I am gaining in weight daily. My studies are very interesting and I have not struck many difficulties. The weather is most agreeable, and the budding leaves, green growing grass and the many birds which we have about, make the environment most enjoyable. One could not pick a better spot to spend a spring either for work or amusement.

I suppose things will be quite different about the house and garden when I come home. The cherries will be ripe and tennis in full swing.

I am well in touch with Paterson news, as I am a subscriber to the "Call", which I receive the morning after publication. I noticed mention made therin of a letter you sent to the Board of Public Works in regard to a dumping ground for the plumbers.

I am very sorry to hear of the state of affairs between Emma 4
and Joe.

I am constantly obliged to use the knife you gave me and am glad to say that it has proven itself a mighty good article.
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Seven years pass by before our next letter from Paul dated 31 October 1919 to his father. This letter is written from Bethlehem, 2
PA, so we know he is now attending Lehigh:

"It is quite a time since my last letter. I was so awfully busy these last two weeks. We have our monthly tests in all subjects we take. I didn't do so very good. I guess my marks will be quite low, but we have to expect that for the first few months after being out of school so long. I certainly have it very hard. I have to study every night until after midnight.

I hear that Herman's looms are here. It's too bad that carpenter 5
is so slow."

Paul's reference to looms was about those being purchased for the National Woven Label Company being built on land formerly owned by FREDERICK BENZ. Herman was the president and WYNFIELD JOHNSON 2,5
MAYNARD, the vice-president. WYN is the husband of Herman's sis- 6
ter, NATHALIA. Paul continues with his letter: 7

"There must be some change in the looks of the place now, and I suppose there is lots of garbage and ashes starting to come up now.

The weather is very good here. I haven't had use for an overcoat yet. Tomorrow there is a big football game at school. We usually have 15000 spectators at these games, and the tickets cost one and two dollars.

Adelaide wrote me that Harris's are going to get a limousine automobile and she said that Arthur would take you to Mineola. I told her I would like to go along too. Maybe we can arrange it for toward the end of the month. 1 8

I might be home on the 8th to see how the dumps are getting on. I won't say sure yet. I'll write again before the time.

If my report from school is sent home - will you send it to me? It is customary at school to send the monthly reports direct home. I don't know what they do in my case."

Our next letter from Paul to his father was written from Bethlehem, PA, on 15 July 1920: 2

"Summer school is over - I passed with a good mark.

I am going to take the extra summer course of two weeks from July 26 to Aug 6th. This will permit me to make up my last back work, in the next school term. If I didn't take this work now I may not be able to get it in with my regular work in the Fall, so I am playing safe.

Meanwhile I am staying at the steel works and will continue to during the school work. I shall be home around Aug. 6th for the balance of the Summer.

I shall have Arthur up here on the 29th to take him thru the steel works." 8

Apparently, Paul did not go home for the rest of the summer. He writes next to his father from Bethlehem on 19 August 1920: 2

"I received the big surprise package in perfect condition. Those cakes are grand and I have them up on the closet shelf to take some each day. The Wurst is surely serving its purpose well every morning at 2.00 A.M. at the steel mill. I buy 10 cents worth of rolls every day and make sandwiches with it and nothing ever tasted better - than a good sandwich when working the 15 hours thru the night.

I am sure that the weather will be suitable this sunday because it has rained now every day since last Saturday and it ought to be finished by Sunday. I take the 5.30 A.M. train Sunday morning and get back about 2 A.M. Monday morning. That leaves me ten hours at Atlantic City and I am sure I can get over all the property in that time. The maps make things very plain. I will write you all about it as soon as I get back.

I leave the steel mill two weeks from tomorrow Friday Sept. 3rd. I will be home on that Saturday morning and will be free two weeks. I will have good opportunity to pick the fruit and fix up in general. My examination to take over is on the 17th and School starts on the 23rd. My ten weeks work are up, but I am putting in 2½ weeks extra. The work at the mill - in general - is getting very slack. The shop that I am in is only working about 5%. It is a lot worse since I started. The job on my machine is good for about six months yet - but I needn't bother about that -"

Paul's father died on 25 June 1921. The next letter from Paul was addressed to his sister, Louise, whom he calls "Bonnie":

"I just paid up my last bills to the college - Everything paid now except my board until June and graduation. My rent will see me thru this. I am short for this month's board on account of these bills and I wanted to ask you if you can loan me "25. dollars which will see me thru. I will add it to the $95 interest money and make it into a note to expire with the other one - August 1st drawing interest at 6%. If you can do this give the money to Fred to mail me a check so you wont have any expenses.

I didn't have time yet to put the life insurance ($1000) in your name. I'll tend to that now and will mail you the policy as soon as I get it from the company.

My work is much easier this term and I shall now straighten out all the estate affairs so they can be settled as soon as possible. The report for the estate will be mailed to each one on Sunday. I shall typewrite it Saturday afternoon.

Let me know as soon as possible so that if you cant spare the money I can have time to make other arrangements. If you run short later on I can raise it for you when I come home for a week - 1st week in April."

1	Adelaide Margaret Benz	3;3-2(1),2(9)	sister
2	JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ	3;3-2(1)	father
3	LOUISE STEIMLE	6;3-1(1)	mother
4	Emma Helen Benz	3;3-2(1),2(6)	sister
5	Herman Benz	3;3-2(1),2(5)	brother
6	WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;2-2(1)	husband of sister NATHALIA
7	NATHALIA ELIZABETH BENZ	3;2-1(7)	sister
8	Arthur John Harris	H3;3-2(1),2(9)	husband of sister Adelaide
9	Louise Benz	3;3-2(1),2(1)	sister
10	Frederick Benz	3;3-2(1),2(3)	brother

Sincerely
Paul

On Bermuda Honeymoon
October 1915

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Arthur John Harris b.18 Apr 1890 Paterson, NJ age 25 d.15 Oct 1934 Laurel Grove Cem. age 44 Paterson, NJ	3;3-2(1),2(9) Adelaide Margaret Benz b.17 Apr 1892 Haledon, NJ m. 7 Oct 1915 St. Mary's Church, age 23 Haledon, NJ d. age

Adelaide Margaret Benz 3;3-2(1),2(9) Arthur John Harris

Adelaide and her brother, Paul, were twins, born to JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ and LOUISE STEIMLE, on 17 April 1892, in Haledon, NJ. 1 2,3

An introduction to the history of Adelaide is provided by her daughter, Lucille, in a sketch accompanying her letter to WILLIAM MAYNARD dated 14 June 1981: 9 15

"Mother remembers a lot about growing up in Haledon, the youngest, along with her twin brother, in a family of ten. The house (at 282 Belmont Avenue) was set on a large piece of land, and within this area the family was almost self-sufficient. They grew their own vegetables and fruit, had a cow named Daisy, a tennis court, a brook for boating and wading. The house was always full of young people, especially on Sunday when friends came for tennis and dinner. FREDERICK and LOUISE S. BENZ saw to it that each child's talent was encouraged, while at the same time each learned how to be self-supporting. Her mother was known in the neighborhood as a kindly woman who could be called on for help, even in delivering babies. 1 2,3 3

Social life revolved around St. Mary's Church -- the choir, dances, strawberry festivals, picnics. One member of the family played the organ; flowers from the Benz yard were arranged by Louise, the oldest daughter, who also made many of the dresses for her sisters, including wedding gowns." 4 14

The earliest news we have of Adelaide is recorded in the Program for the Commencement Exercises of School Number Two, Haledon, NJ, held on 26 June 1907. In addition to her being a member of the graduation class, she was featured as a pianist in both the first and second parts of the Program, a copy of which follows on the next two pages.

The following article published in a Paterson, NJ, newspaper refers to the piano recital performed by Adelaide on 17 June 1908:

"MISS BENZ'S FINE PIANO PLAYING

MR. KEEN'S TALENTED YOUNG PUPIL GAVE RECITAL ALL HER OWN LAST NIGHT

The Fourth recital of J. William Keen's series at Lyric Hall last night served to introduce to the public a little miss who has got a wonderful amount of talent for a girl of her age, and whose performance at the piano-forte was of signal credit to her painstaking teacher. Miss Adelaide Benz, the young girl in question, gave a recital that charmed and delighted a large audience, rendering compositions unusually difficult for one of her age.

Miss Benz, who is a pupil of the local high school and the daughter of FREDERICK BENZ, of Haledon, plays with much charm and grace, entering into a thorough understanding of the products of the various masters with a true conception of their merits. Without exception every piece was played from memory, which, though not unusual for finished pianists, is remarkable to one of Miss Benz's years. 2

Class of 1907.

EDNA R. ANDREWS	HARRY C. MARTIN
WILLIAM BAUMGARTNER	RUTH I. NEILL
ADELAIDE M. BENZ	DORA ETHEL POTTS
*PAUL F. BENZ	FLORENCE A. PRIES
HENRY C. BROWN	CATHARINE H. ROE
GENEVIEVE E. GARDNER	JOHN CALVIN ROE
GEORGE HARTLEY	‖CHARLOTTE M. ULRICH
LAURA E. LOETSCHER	WILLIAM C. YUCKER
EDWARD MARTIN	

‖ First honor. * Second honor.

Commencement Exercises

School Number Two

Haledon, Manchester Township,

Passaic County, N. J.

June the Twenty-sixth

Nineteen Hundred Seven.

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PROGRAM

Part First

1. March.....Miss Ulrich
2. Invocation.....Rev. Irving A. McGrew
3. Salutatory.....Paul Benz
4. Song, "High School March".....Class of 1907
5. Essay, "Cruelty to Animals".....Edward Martin
6. Duet, Piano and Violin, selected,

   Misses Emma and Nathalia Benz
7. Recitation, "Spellin' Bee".....Edna Andrews
8. Piano Trio, "The Rustic Dance"

   Florence Pries, Charlotte Ulrich and Adelaide Benz

PROGRAM

Part Second

1. Song, "Voices of the Woods".....Class of 1907
2. Piano Solo, "Le Pappilon".....Adelaide Benz
3. Recitation from "David Harum"..Genevieve Gardner
4. Song, "The Sailor's Lullaby". Girls of the Class of 1907
5. Valedictory.....Charlotte Ulrich
6. Class Reminiscenees.....Class of 1907
7. Presentation of Class.....Mr. Absalom Grundy
8. Presentation of Diplomas.....Mr. Henry Burrell
9. Benediction.....Rev. John H. Timbrell

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While some of the other compositions played may have been more to the liking of the audience, certainly Miss Benz did her best work of the evening in playing "Theme and Variations," by Beethoven, and "Soiree de Vienne," No. 6, an interpretation of Schubert by Liszt. The latter was the last number of the programme, and Miss Benz excelled by far in this. ----"

A copy of the program follows on page 34.

Another account of the same recital follows:

"MISS BENZ MAKES DEBUT

Miss Adelaide Benz made her public debut as a pianist last night at the fourth recital given in J. William Keen's series, and her playing delighted all who heard her. She gave evidence of great talent and it was clear that she is being very carefully trained. ---- She played a number of selections from the well known masters and was loudly applauded. ----"

Adelaide was referred to in an artical the following day which announced the final recital to be held that evening:

"In some respects the piano recital given by pupils of J. William Keen at Lyric Hall last night, was the most interesting in the series of five this week. Miss Adelaide Benz, daughter of FRED BENZ of Haledon, was the only performer on the piano. Miss Benz is only fifteen (16) and a pupil of the High School. Her interpretation of the works of the masters showed her to be far above the average youthful performers and the finish, grace and technique she displayed seem to be sure indications of a successful future. It would be hard to say which numbers were best, but her most difficult work was in the Beethoven, Schubert and Liszt numbers. ----" 2

In a violin recital given in Lyric Hall by Eric Strong, date not known but probably in 1908, Adelaide was billed as "assisting artist". The reference to her in a newspaper article follows:

"The assisting artist of the evening was Miss Adelaide Margaret Benz, the talented young pianist of this city. ----

Miss Benz's most pretentious and most successful selection was "The Erlking," by Schubert-Liszt. Her group of MacDowell melodies, including "From An Indian Lodge," "To A Water Lily" and "Shadow Dance" were delightful selections. She also played "The Nightengale" with splendid technique. In the course of the evening she was rewarded with several beautiful bouquets."

Two of Adelaide's sisters join her in a benefit musicale to be held on 27 October 1908 according to the following article:

"A benefit musicale for a young man in poor health will be held at St. Paul's parish house, East Eighteenth Street and Broadway, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 27, at 8:15 o'clock. Some very fine talent has been secured. Miss Agnes Donaldson, a favorite elocutionist, will give some of her very fine readings. Miss Adelaide

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Fourth Recital

Thursday Evening, June Eighteenth

"Prelude in C. Minor" . . . . . *Bach*
"Sonata in C. Major" . . . . . *Haydn*
Allegro. Adagio. Finale-Allegro.

MISS ADELAIDE BENZ.

TENOR SOLO.
"Enchantment" . . . . . *Andrews*

MR. FREDERICK A. PARKER.

"Toccata" . . . . . *Paradies*
"Theme and Variations" . . . . . *Beethoven*

MISS BENZ.

TENOR SOLO.
"Eventide and Thee" . . . . . *Spross*

MR. PARKER.

"Frühlingslied" . . . . . *Mendelssohn*
"Spring Song" . . . . . *Mendelssohn*
"The Caprice" . . . . . *Chaminade*

MISS BENZ.

[illegible]
[illegible] Only . . . . . *Starnes*

MR. PARKER.

Soirée de Vienne, No. 6 . . . . *Schubert-Liszt*

MISS BENZ.

Benz, a young pianist of this city, will render some difficult selections. Miss NATALIE BENZ, a young violinist whom it is always a pleasure to hear; ---- Miss Emma Benz, the charming organist of St. Mary's Epi'scopal church, Haledon, will act as accompanist. ----" 5 4

Adelaide and NATHALIA were mentioned again in reference to a musicale at the Church of the Redeemer but only as the "Misses Benz". The date was not recorded but it is probably sometime in 1909 or 1910: 5

"---- the Misses Benz will give violin and piano solos."

The next two recitals are again undated but were probably held in the same time period as the previous one, both given in Lyric Hall. The news account of the first states in part:

"Miss Adelaide Benz presented Leschetiki's "The Two Larks" and Mendelssohn's "Spinning Song." In the former this young lady excelled in the brilliant execution of arpeggio passages; in the latter she evinced a wonderful finger dexterity. ----

Miss Adelaide Benz gave a rendering of Alabief-Liszt's "The Nightingale", distinguishing herself in the faultless execution of the cadenzas and trills."

and the second:

"Miss Adelaide Margaret Benz gave a piano recital last evening before an audience which completely filled Lyric Hall. Miss Benz is one of J. William Keen's most advanced pupils, and has frequently made audiences wonder over her ability as a musician. She is one of the youngest pianists appearing before Paterson audiences and last night scored another success. Her performance throughout was a credit to herself as well as to her teacher, for she frequently displayed skill in handling the keyboard and produced music which would have done credit to older players. ---- Miss Benz rendered ten numbers, her most pretentious selection being the sonata in F-major composed by Mozart. ---- All were liberally applauded and that the young performer has a host of friends was made apparent by the numerous fine bouquets presented to her. One of these consisted of a large floral basket made out of rambler roses which was practically as big as the player herself. ----"

In the Pi Epsilon Phi's Concert given in the same time range, Adelaide is again joined by two of her sisters according to the quotations from the published account:

"Misses Adelaide Benz and NATHALIA E. BENZ contributed their talent to the enjoyment of the large audience. The former's work at the pianoforte elicited much favorable comment. She rendered the "Spinning Song" by Roff. Miss Adelaide Benz is a pianist of promise and is rapidly broadening out in her work. When one considers the fact that Miss Benz is still in her teens her playing is nothing short of remarkable. During the second part 5

of the program Miss Benz rendered Chopin's "Valse" in E flat with splendid result.

Miss NATHALIA E. BENZ, a sister of the young lady just referred to, plays the violin with the fire and feeling of a real musician. Her numbers on last night's programme were listened to eagerly. The audience was completely captivated with her playing of "Aida" by Singelee. ---- Miss Emma H. Benz, her sister, acted as her accompanist. ----" 5 4

Adelaide was graduated from Paterson High School on 27 June 1911 having completed the classical course. She is listed on the Program as the accompanist to the chorus singing under the direction of George J. Steinmetz, Jr. A copy of the Commencement Program is reproduced on the following two pages.

The next performance of record by Adelaide was in a musicale at the First Reformed Church of Paterson, NJ, on 27 February 1913 for which she received a letter of appreciation written 1 March 1913 by the Pastor, Thomas Powell Vernoll:

"My dear Miss Benz

You will permit me to express my great joy at the happy outcome of our Musical last Thursday & to personally thank you for the courteous & efficient part you played in making the evening such an enjoyable one. I am sure I voice the thought and feeling of our choir, consistory & congregation when I say, we gratefully appreciate the generous & kindly spirit with which you came to us, & our hearty & sincere wish is, that abundant pleasure shall come to you & to others by a well directed use of your talent. & in the last great day you shall hear your Heavenly Father's "Well done thou good & faithful servant."

On 3 June and 15 June 1914, Adelaide performed in two of the four piano recitals by pupils of J. William Keen at Lyric Hall, Paterson, NJ. A portion of the Program follows on pages 39 and 40.

Another letter of commendation was written to Adelaide by John R. Morris, Secretary, Paterson Music Festival Association, on 5 March, 1915:

"Miss Adelaide M. Benz,
#282 Belmont Ave.
Paterson, N.J.

Dear Miss Benz:-

The members of the Board of Directors of the Paterson Musical Festival Association extend to you their heartiest congratulations on your worthy and most commendable performance on last Tuesday Evening.

They feel that Paterson should be very proud to know that there is within its confines an artist capable of showing such ability and promise.

PATERSON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1911.

Completing Course, January 31, 1911.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Isadore Blumenthal
Rose Blumenthal
Viola Braun
Morris Metz Cohen
Myrtle Armenia Dougherty
Ottilie Eagleson
Alice Findlay
Emma Dater Forbes
Ethel Garner
Ruthe Jennie Gowdy
Eva Louise Graham
Ruth Elizabeth Harriot
Andrew M. Harvey
Magdalene W. Hepp
Francis Marie Howell
Minnie Jacobson
William Martin Jaffe
Ethel Keyes
Louise Emily Kupferer
Herbert Dillistin Lauterman
Sidney Charles Levine
Annie Frazer Livingstone
Mary Christina Reilly
Harry Edwin Rosen
Anna Florence Ruth Saal
Peter Siam, Jr.
Alfred James Torrens
Richard Uslander
Leon Veith
Irma White
Marion Margaret Whitmore
Elizabeth Zabriskie

SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

Ysobel Cashman
Jean Dumont
Richard Ettelson
Russel Fritz
Ethel Margaret Gerstmayer
Olive Gray
Serena Beatrice Hopper
Harry James
Louisa Kuyl
Michael P. Levine
Cornelia Peckart
Isaac Stevens Sparkman
Teresa Tierney

MECHANIC ARTS COURSE.

Lloyd Ackerman
John Bane
Benjamin Harris Kulman

Completing Course June 30, 1911.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Irene May Ackerman
Harold Joseph Adams
Amelia Bradley Anderson
Harold William Anderson
Gertrude Ayres
Julia Cathrine Bang
Viva M. Barker
Margaret Joiner Barrie
Adelaide Margaret Benz
Paul Frederick Benz
Alwilda Booth
Harry Godden Bowne
Nellia Hopper Brinkerhoff
Jessie Bristow
Lucy Grace Cogan
Edison Franklin Comstock
Robert Ray Comstock
Charles Spours Dodd
Marie Freeman
Myra Lincoln Freestone
Marion Hawthorne Gardner
Catherine Margaret Gilchrist
Lillian Heck
Marguerite Claire Hogg
Alice May Hunziker
Rae Levin
Margaret Emma McCabe
Helen Caud McGlashan
Stasia Mercedes Murphy
Florence Augusta Pries
Margaret Amelia Roat
Catherine Hough Roe
Lucy Anne Penny
Beatrice Abbe Rogowski
Margaret Sherman Romary
Alice Schwaeble
Lou Violet Simonton
Edna Anna Storms
Beatrice May Thomson
Mae Torbet
Martin Van Dyke
Donald King Van Riper
Vincent VanderVoort
Frances Anna Walsh
William James Weeks
Blanche Lida Wylie
Bessie Gene Yeomans

SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

Elmer Blue
Benj. Bockhout
Clarence Sam'l Briggs
Roy Winfield Burkart
Maurice Cohen
Christine Falk
Laura Gardiner
Maria Louise Gallant
Jane Grinkerg
Fred'k Herman Hoffmann
Emile Landru
Bertha Thezer, Lodi
William Mellema
Mildred Moshier
Robert Henry Roat
Ethel Tintle
Russell Vreeland Tuers

MECHANIC ARTS COURSE.

Edo Albert Anderson
Harry Buckwald
Benjamin Grodjeski
Raymond Harlor
James Newton Heath
Robert MacCulloch
Charles Ringe, Jr.
Martin Henry Reymond
Bruce Sheppard
James Raymond Stone
William VanDerClock
Edwin Van Splinter

GENERAL COURSE.

Viola Margaret Braecklein
Joseph Edward Campbell
Mabel Harrison
Regina Marie Hughes
Israel Kurlanzick
Herman Cecil Lellowitz
Adelaide Alma Lockwood
Harry Isadore Ludwig
Joseph Morris Price
Lillian Hortense Rosenberg
Hazel Dolores Thompson
Francis Roy Zabriskie

COMMERCIAL COURSE.

Ethel Wortendyke Ackerman
Edna Ruth Andrews
Naomi Eleanor Bathmann
May Hannah Bullock
Cornelia De Graaf
George Howard Duxbury
Edgar Harold King Ellis
William Ford
Eva Marne Johnson
Margaret Rose Kenny
James Denby Mitchell
Helen Moran
Ella Prescott
Eunice Valtz
Reginald Reynolds Wilde

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Commencement

THE CLASS OF
NINETEEN ELEVEN

Paterson High School

Tuesday Evening, June 27th

EIGHT O'CLOCK

ASSEMBLY HALL
NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

CHORUS SINGING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
GEORGE J. STEINMETZ, JR., A. B.

ACCOMPANIST, MISS ADELAIDE MARGARET BENZ

ORCHESTRAL MUSIC UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
PROFESSOR ARTHUR R. DUNKERLEY

THE MEHLIN GRAND PIANO USED ON THIS OCCASION

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PROGRAMME

PART FIRST

1. OVERTURE—"Zampa".....Orchestra

2. PROCESSIONAL MARCH.....Mendelssohn

The Class of Nineteen Eleven will proceed from the main entrance of the Assembly Hall to the platform.

3. PRAYER.

The Reverend James Bristow.

4. CHORUS—The Children's Hour (Longfellow).....Gaul

The Class of Nineteen Eleven.

5. RECITATION—An Original Romance. .....

Irene May Ackerman.

6. PIANO SOLO—La Polka De La Reine.....Raff

Viola Margaret Braecklein.

7. VOCAL SOLO—The Bird of the Twilight (Cave).....Gould

Mildred Moshier.

8. ORATION—The Lessons of History .....

Peter Sinn, Jr.

9. SELECTION—"Spring Maid".....

Orchestra.

PROGRAMME

PART SECOND

10. PIANO SOLO—Hungarian Rhapsody II.....Liszt

Jane Grinker.

11. RECITATION—The Crown of Olives—An Olympian Race

Edna Anna Storms.

12. CHORUS—"I Waited for the Lord".....Mendelssohn

Mildred Moshier, Blanche Lida Wylie and the Class of Nineteen Eleven.

13. The Class will be presented for Graduation by

John R. Wilson, Superintendent of Schools

14. The Awarding of Diplomas will be made by

Mr. William J. Bridges, President of the Board of Education

15. The Commencement Address will be made by

W. H. S. Demarest, Ll. D., President of Rutgers College

16. CHORUS—The Erlking.....Schubert

The Class of Nineteen Eleven.

17. MARCH—"Universal Peace".....

Orchestra.

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In This Series of Recitals

Mr. J. William Keen
Presents the Following Pupils

Miss Adelaide Benz
Miss Anna Gold
Miss Margaret Goldstein
Miss Hattie Goldstein
Miss Dorothy Kaufman
Miss Esther A. Kitay
Miss Elsie V. Meyer
Miss Laura A. Rogers
Miss Kathryn Schneider
Miss Grace Slaff
Miss Anna Steinberg
Miss May Sweeney
Mr. Harry Elliott Planten

With the Assistance of

Mrs. Ida Paton-Webster, Soprano
Mr. Ethan D. Alyea, 'Cellist
Mr. William H. Kreamer, Baritone
Mr. Ros. Cameron Peardon, Baritone

Miss Miranda Case
Mrs. W. H. Kreamer } Accompanists
Mr. John G. Zabriskie

STEINWAY PIANO

... Third Recital ...

Wednesday Evening, June the Third

PROGRAM

"Magic Fire Scene" (Walkuere) - - - *Wagner-Brassin*
MISS ADELAIDE BENZ

Valse, Op. 82 - - - - - - - - - - - *Lack*
MISS KATHRYN SCHNEIDER

"Arabesque" - - - - - - - - - - *Meyer-Helmund*
MISS ELSIE V. MEYER

"O du mein holder Abenstern" (Tannhauser) - - *Wagner*
"The Three Ringers" - - - - - - - - - *Lohr*
MR. WILLIAM H. KREAMER

"Camp of the Gypsies" - - - - - - - - *Behr*
MISS ESTHER A. KITAY

"Pas des Amphores" - - - - - - - - } *Chaminade*
"The Flatterer" - - - - - - - - -
MISS LAURA A. ROGERS

"Tarentelle," D. Minor - - - - - - - - *Nollet*
MISS ANNA STEINBERG

"Murmuring Zephyrs" - - - - - - - *Jensen-Nieman*
"Love's Awakening" - - - - - - - - *Mosskowski*
MISS GRACE SLAFF

"L'ultima Canzone" - - - - - - - - - *Tosti*
"Irish Love Song" - - - - - - - - - *Lang*
MR. KREAMER

Scherzo, C Sharp Minor - - - - - - - - *Chopin*
MISS BENZ

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... Fourth Recital ...

Monday Evening, June the Fifteenth

PROGRAM

"Magic Fire Scene" (Walkuere) - - - - *Wagner-Brassin*
"Erotik" - - - - - - - - - - - - *Grieg*

MISS ADELAIDE BENZ

'Cello—"Vito" - - - - - - - - - *David Popper*

MR. ETHAN D. ALYEA

Soirree de Vienne, No. 6 - - - - - - *Schubert-Liszt*
"Nachtstucke" - - - - - - - - *Schumann*
"Spinning Song" - - - - - - - - - *Mendelssohn*

MISS BENZ

'Cello—Andante (Orpheus and Eurydice) - *Gluck-Schulz*

MR. ALYEA

Scherzo, C Sharp Minor - - - - - - - - *Chopin*

MISS BENZ

'Cello—"La Fileuse" - - - - - - - - *Dunkler*
"Berceuse" - - - - - - - - - *Miska-Hauser*

MR. ALYEA

"Berceuse" - - - - - - - - - - *Chopin*
"Erlking" - - - - - - - - - - *Schubert-Liszt*

MISS BENZ

The inside, the world over, against the outside! The soul against the body. —*Henry Ward Beecher.*

The only way to make the heart—the musical—first, is to remove every obstacle which defeats the soul's efforts to give utterance to its emotions. This can only be done by thorough development of the mental and physical functions, that is to say, the mind must understand the soul and the fingers must understand the mind, and must possess the skill to produce whatever soul and mind demand. Thus soul is *first.*

—*A. K. Virgil.*

For upwards of seven years Miss Benz and Mr. Planten have studied piano playing with Mr. Keen. Their attainments are the result of talent, plus *hard work*—logical, systematic training along educational lines through the early, middle and advanced stages of piano playing to their present plane of artistic development.

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They wish to convey to you their heartiest and best wishes for future success.

Respectfully yours,"

Lucille Harris provides the next bit of history in her sketch of 14 June 1981: 9

"After training to be a teacher, Mother taught elementary school just before her marriage."

On 7 October 1915, Adelaide married Arthur John Harris at St. Mary's Church, Haledon, NJ. Lucille Harris included a brief history of her father with her letter of 14 June 1981: 9

"The Harris family had lived in Warwickshire, England, since about 1790. Arthur J. Harris was descended from the Bond, Cresswell, Oakey and Haddon families of this area. His father, William, came to the United States in 1888, and in 1890 established Harris Brothers Silk Company, manufacturing rayon, silk and cotton ribbons, shoe bindings and tapes. Arthur started work for his father at an early age, after school, and served apprenticeships in all phases of the business, later playing an increasingly active part in the direction of the Company. He designed some of the machinery used in the mill and held patents on his inventions. He came to be known as one of the ablest of the young manufacturers in Paterson and enjoyed the respect of all who were associated with him.

At the same time he was active in community affairs being particularly interested in the training of young men. At the time of his death he was a Director and Chairman of the Membership Committee of the YMCA and also President of the Boy Scouts Council. His other memberships included the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club, in which he served on several committees. His obituary describes him as "one of the outstanding Christian gentlemen of the community.

At the time of his death at the age of 44, he was Vice President and Treasurer of the Company.

Elizabeth Louise, the first child of Arthur and Adelaide, died on 13 March 1918 at only one and a half years of age. That year, tragedy continued to haunt them with the death at less than two weeks of age of their second child, Adelaide, on Christmas Day; an event made doubly tragic by the death of Adelaide's sister, Emma Helen Benz, two weeks later, and whose baby, Winifred, was born the same day baby Adelaide died. 6, 7, 8

Two brief references to Adelaide and Arthur are found in letters from Paul Benz, written from Bethlehem, PA, to his father; the first on 31 October 1919: 1,2

"Adelaide wrote me that Harris's are going to get a limousine automobile and she said that Arthur would take you to Mineola. I told her that I would like to go along too. Maybe we can arrange it for toward the end of the month."

and the second on 15 July 1921:

"I shall have Arthur up here on the 29th to take him thru the steel works."

but we are not informed whether the planned trips took place.

The following history combines sketches written by Lucille Harris on 16 July 1978 and the one quoted previously of 14 June 1981: 9

"During her married life and afterwards, she was very active in the Friday Afternoon Music Club of Paterson, serving as chairman for many of their affairs, and performing at their monthly gatherings. In those days there was a lot of enthusiasm for music: contests were held, and articles appeared in the papers. She continued playing the piano on many occasions in concerts, for church groups and for helping charitable organizations. She was considered one of the outstanding musicians in the area, but did not pursue a professional career on the stage after her marriage.

After my father died, Mother went back to school to learn how to teach music, and for many years taught adults and children in our home. Among her favorite pupils were Patty and Joey Allabough and Allison Maynard. 10,11 12

Before her marriage and for some years after, Mother did a lot of china painting. In the fifties she studied oil painting with Art Maynard, and is still working at it." 13

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1 Paul Frederick Benz 3;3-2(1),2(8) brother
2 JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ 3;3-2(1) father
3 LOUISE STEIMLE 6;3-1(1) mother
4 Emma Helen Benz 3;3-2(1),2(6) sister
5 NATHALIA ELIZABETH BENZ 3;2-1(7) sister
6 Elizabeth Louise Harris 3;3-2(1),2(9),1(1) daughter
7 Adelaide Harris 3;3-2(1),2(9),1(2) daughter
8 Winifred Meyer 3;3-2(1),2(6),1(1) sister Emma's daughter
9 Lucille Faith Harris 3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3) daughter
10 Patricia Maynard Allabough 1;2-2(1),1(2),0(3) grandniece
11 Joanne Walthery Allabough 1;2-2(1),1(2),0(4) grandniece
12 Alison Louise Maynard 1;2-2(1),1(3),0(1) grandniece
13 Arthur Frederick Maynard 1;2-2(1),1(3) sister NATHALIA's son
14 Louise Benz 3;3-2(1),2(1) sister
15 WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD 1;1-1(1) sister NATHALIA's son

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3(3) Ludwig Friedrich Benz b.19 May 1853 Tegernau, W.Ger. age d. 1921 age 68	Mary b. m. age d. age
2(1) Mamie Benz b. m. age d. age	b. age d. age
2(2) Bertha Benz b. m. age d. age	b. age d. age
2(3) Louise Benz b. m. age d. age	b. age d. age

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3(4) Johann Georg Benz b.17 Apr 1857 Tegernau, W.Ger. age d.11 Dec 1903 age 46	Marie Woessner b. Baden, W.Ger. m. age d. 1904 age
2(1) George Benz b. 1878 Lörrach, Baden, W.Ger. age 30 d. 1957 age 79	Daisy Lucas b. m. 1908 St. Paul's Church age Paterson, NJ d. age
2(2) Rosalie Benz b. m. age d. age	Charles E. Geng b. age d. age
2(3) Edith Benz b. m. age d. age	Augustus C. Lotz b. age d. age

George Benz

3;4-3( ),3(4),2(1)
George Benz
b. 1878
Baden, W.Ger.

age 30
d. 1957
age 79

George Benz 3;4-3( ),3(4),2(1) Daisy Lucas

Unless noted otherwise, our history of George is copied from "History of Paterson and Its Environs" by William Nelson and Charles A. Shriner, Volume III, Lewis Historical Publishing Company, New York and Chicago, 1920:

"George Benz (is) beyond doubt one of the most conspicuous figures in the musical life of Paterson, N.J., and vicinity ---- whose career as a musician has been consistently devoted to the welfare and enjoyment of his fellow-citizens with a success achieved by but few. ----

George Benz received his first piano lesson at the age of eight from John A. Alberse. At ten he made his first public appearance in Turn Hall, the Improved Order of Red Men giving an entertainment at which young George played several selections. A week later he received a silver medal which he prizes very highly. In 1888 he attended School No. 3, where Miss France Lawless was a teacher, and she took a great interest in the youthful performer and had him play at various school entertainments. She predicted a great future for him. Miss Lawless was the sweetest singer of her day, and George Benz was her accompanist at several of the school entertainments. At the time of the panic in 1893 George Benz had to leave school and he entered a silk mill, becoming a silk weaver. This proved distasteful, and in 1897 he decided to take up music as a profession. He studied several years with Edward M. Westbrook, director of the Paterson Conservatory of Music, and in 1899 he was appointed organist and choir-master of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Haledon, NJ. In 1903 he was appointed organist and choirmaster of the Second Reformed Church, Paterson, and in 1904 he went to Christ Church, Ridgewood, N.J. In the same year he was appointed organist and choirmaster at the Barnert Memorial Temple, Paterson, which position he still holds. In 1905 the Haledon Choral Society was organized and gave four concerts with marked success. In 1907 Mr. Benz was appointed organist and choirmaster of the First Presbyterian Church, Paterson. In 1908 Mr. Benz was united in marriage with Daisy Lucas, of Hawthorne, N.J., the daughter of Charles W. and Mary A. Lucas, of London, England. Before her marriage Mrs. Benz was a school teacher in a local public school, and a member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. She is a singer of exceptional ability, and is at present soprano soloist at Christ Church, Ridgewood. Mr. and Mrs. Benz are the parents of two children: George Hamilton, 2
born Aug. 26, 1910, and Marie Louise, born Dec. 4, 1912. ---- 3
Russel Edward, a nephew, completes the family, he being legally 4
adopted when fifteen months old. In 1914 Mr. Benz was reappointed organist and choirmaster of the Second Reformed Church, where he remained for five years. On Dec. 30, 1915, he gave a splendid rendition of Handel's "Messiah". On Jan. 4, 1917, this work was repeated in the same church with equal success."

We interrupt the history of George to quote from the obituary for Emma Helen Benz: 1

"Her most important work in Paterson was that of accompanist at

both the first and second renditions of "The Messiah," given under the direction of George Benz. She also acted as accompanist in all of Mr. Benz's choral work and was regarded by him as one of the most accomplished musicians in this section of the state."

and return to the history of George:

"On Nov. 14, 1917, there was a meeting of the famous Tabernacle Choir of "Billy" Sunday fame to decide its future as a singing organization. It was voted to render the "Messiah" under the direction of George Benz. James T. Jordan, president of the choir, managed the affair which was given on April 2, 1918, in the Paterson High School. In November, 1918, the choir called a special meeting at which time the name of the chorus was changed to the Paterson Choral Society, and on Jan. 7, 1919, the fourth rendition of the "Messiah" was given in the High School to a large audience. On April 30, 1919, the chorus sang Rossini's "Stabat Mater" in the Market Street Church, this masterpiece being exceedingly well done, and on Nov. 18, 1919, Mendelssohn's "Elijah" was sung in the High School to a capacity house. On April 3, 1920, the Choral Society sang Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary" in the John Wanamaker Auditorium, New York City. This was a great distinction for Paterson's only choral society, and the only instance on record where a local chorus from Paterson ever sang in New York City. The crowning achievement of the history of the Choral Society was the presentation of Giovanni Martinelli, of the Metropolitan Opera House, one of the world's greatest tenors, in the first of a series of three concerts given this season. This concert was given Oct. 19, 1920, in the Paterson High School. Many in the audience attested to the fact that it was the finest concert ever given in this city. The chorus work was given a flattering tribute by Mr. Martinelli.

George has been solo organist at the United States Theatre since July, 1916, and at present is organist and choirmaster at the Market Street Methodist Episcopal Church. As a composer Mr. Benz has been most successful. It is interesting to note that Madame Schumann-Heink, the celebrated contralto, has accepted two of his compositions and is now singing them. One, a tender bit of melody called "Baby," has been dedicated to Madame Schumann-Heink, who was heard to remark, when called upon by Mr. Benz, "Why! I like this setting to 'Baby' better than any I have yet sung." Mr. Benz has been before the public since 1895, and is recognized as a leader of music in that particular branch of the city's affairs. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum; Haledon Lodge, No. 169, Free and Accepted Masons; and the Rotary Club. Highly respected and unassuming, George is a man of strong domestic instincts, who finds great happiness in the associations of home and thinks much of the happiness of his family. He is also a devoted friend and one whose attitude toward his fellows is open and candid, yet genial in the extreme, so that he easily wins and retains the friendship and respect of those who come in contact with him. His personality is an unusual one, extremely distinct and vivid, so that it cannot help impressing those who follow him. An example of fine citizenship, Mr. Benz never hesitates in giving liberally of his talent wherever it will help toward furthering the interests of the city."

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PROGRAM

"Star Spangled Banner"

1. Organ: "Little Fugue in G minor" - - - - - - *Bach*
   Betty Kohany

2. "Meditation from First Prelude" - - - - - *Bach-Gounod*
   Paula Zoppo

3. "Viennese Melody" - - - - - - - - - *Williams*
   Claire Mader

4. Duet: "Dance of the Sunbeams" - - - - - - *Cadman*
   Charles and Raymond Max

5. "Avalanche" - - - - - - - - - - - - *Heller*
   Judy Mazzarella

6. Organ: "Berceuse in A major" - - - - - - *Delbruck*
   Alice Gorab

7. Duet: "Priere du Matin" - - - - - - - *Streabbog*
   Frances and Jean Corallo

8. "Claire de Lune" - - - - - - - - - - *Debussy*
   Louise Robb

9. "Le Secret" - - - - - - - - - - - *Gautier*
   Norma Goldstein

10. "Polichinello" op. 3 - - - - - - - *Rachmaninoff*
    Kathleen Schiller

11. "Rustle of Spring" - - - - - - - - - *Sinding*
    Yvonne Pellett

12. Organ: "Ave Verum" - - - - - - - - - *Mozart*
    Hedwig Lucas

13. "Invitation to the Dance" - - - - - - *Von-Weber*
    Marion Stoffel

14. Intermezzo from "Naila" - - - - - - - *Delibes*
    Mary Russell

15. "If I Were a Bird" op. 2 (Concert Etude) - - - *Henselt*
    Virginia Vogel

16. "Le Reveil d' Amour" - - - - - - - *Moszkowski*
    Phyllis Oropallo

17. Piano: "Ecossaise" - - - - - - - - *Chopin*
    Organ: "Fantasia in E minor" - - - - - - *Stainer*
    Mark Ray (age 13)

18. "Prelude in G minor" - - - - - - - *Rachmaninoff*
    Donald Macaluso (age 13)

— SILVER OFFERING —

19. Quartet from "Rigoletto" - - - - - - *Verdi-Liszt*
    Barbara Vogel

20. "Tarantella" (First and Third Movement) - - - *Liszt*
    Rosalinde Geneslaw

21. Piano and Organ duet:
    Excerpts from "Piano Concerto in B flat minor" *Tschaikowsky*

    Louise Robb, at the Piano
    Mr. Benz, at the Organ

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On the two pages following, are reproductions of autographed covers of two of the compositions by George. The second of "Baby" mentioned above and dedicated to Madame Schumann-Heink also has inscribed upon it a note:

"To my dear Cousin "Dolly" Maynard with deep appreciation for "Table for Two" July 17/'51"

1	Emma Helen Benz	3;3-2(1),2(6)	cousin
2	George Hamilton Benz	3;4-3( ),3(4),2(1),1(1)	son
3	Marie Louise Benz	3;4-3( ),3(4),2(1),1(2)	daughter
4	Russel Edward Geng	3;4-3( ),3(4),2(2),1(4)	son of sister Rosalie
5	[illegible] ELIZABETH BENZ	3,3-1(7)	cousin
6	Marie Woessner (Wössner)	W3;4-3( ),3(4)	mother

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BENZ 3
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George Benz

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3(6) Emilie Benz b.27 Aug 1868 Lörrach, Baden, W.Ger. m.14 Apr 1887 Paterson, NJ age 18 d.15 Jan 1948 age 79	Leonhardt Buchmann b.13 Dec 1866 Hilzingen, Kreis Konstanz, W.Ger. age 20 d.18 Mar 1948 age 81
2(1) Emily Buchmann b.10 Apr 1888 m.14 Jul 1906 age 18 d.20 Jan 1974 age 85	Timothy L. Geng b.24 Jan 1886 age 20 d. 4 Apr 1981 Laurel Grove Cem. age 95 Paterson, NJ
2(2) Frederick Buchmann b. 4 Sep 1891 age 31 d.24 Jun 1969 age 77	May Steele b.15 Oct 1894 m.20 Dec 1922 age 28 d. 1960 age 65
2(3) George Buchmann b.19 Jul 1895 age age d. age	Agnes Rossi Barrett (1) b. m. age d. age Maude Garrabrandt (2) b. m. age d. age

2(4) Leonhard Buchmann b. 4 Oct 1897 Haledon, NJ age 25 d. age	Margaret Alice Gladwin b.31 Jan 1900 m.30 Nov 1922 age 22 d. age

BENZ 3
4-3( ),3(6),2(1)

3;4-2( ),3(6),2(1)
Emily Buchmann
b.10 Apr 1888

m.14 Jul 1906
age 22
d.20 Jan 1974
age 85

Emily Buchmann 3;4-3( ),3(6),2(1) Timothy L. Geng

The historical account of Timothy is copied from his obituary published in "The News" of Passaic County, New Jersey, on 6 April 1981:

"Timothy L. Geng, 95, died Saturday at Greater Paterson General Hospital, Wayne.

Born in Long Island, he moved to this borough 86 years ago. He was a machine operator for the Craft Textile Corp., Paterson and a manufacturer of union-made, hand-rolled cigars before retiring 30 years ago.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Nelson (Emily) Corby of California and Mrs. Ozzie (Louise) Langan of Haledon; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Emily in 1974. 1 2

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1 Emily Geng 3;4-3( ),3(6),2(1),1(3) daughter
2 Louise Geng 3;4-3( ),3(6),2(1),1(8) daughter

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JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ b.31 Jan 1851 Tegernau, W.Ger. age 25 d.25 Jun 1921 Laurel Grove Cem. age 70 Paterson, NJ	LOUISE STEIMLE b.12 Jan 1850 Möhringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger. m. 3 Feb 1876 Tumringen, W.Ger. age 26 d.29 Mar 1919 Laurel Grove Cem. age 69 Paterson, NJ
2(2) Mathilde Benz b.18 Feb 1878 Basel, Switzerland m. Jan 1899 Haledon, NJ age 20 d.20 Jul 1964 age 86	John Marder b. 7 Nov 1875 age 23 d. 7 Dec 1964 age 89
1(1) John Frederick Marder b. 3 Dec 1899 d.22 Dec 1899 Laurel Grove Cem. age 0 Paterson, NJ	X
1(2) Dorothy Marder b.16 Mar 1907 d. age	X

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JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ b.31 Jan 1851 Tegernau, W.Ger. age 25 d.25 Jun 1921 Laurel Grove Cem. age 80 Paterson, NJ	LOUISE STEIMLE b.12 Jan 1850 Möhringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger. m. 3 Feb 1876 Tumringen, W.Ger. age 26 d.29 Mar 1919 Laurel Grove Cem. age 75 Paterson, NJ

2(4) Otto Karl Benz b. 4 Feb 1882 Paterson, NJ age 31 d. 8 Feb 1962 Laurel Grove Cem. age 80 Paterson, NJ	Marie Urweider b.24 Jun 1894 Haledon, NJ m.24 Sep 1913 St. Mary's Epis. age 19 Haledon, NJ d.14 Jul 1969 Laurel Grove Cem. age 75 Paterson, NJ
1(1) Thelma Louise Benz (1) b.13 Jul 1914 Haledon, NJ m.13 Aug 1937 Elkton, MD age 23 d.14 Aug 1938 Laurel Grove Cem. age 24	James Vander Krake b. age d. age
1(2) Nathalia Benz b.24 Jun 1917 Haledon, NJ m. St. Mary's Epis. age Haledon, NJ d. age	Frederick George Fisher b.18 Apr 1921 age d. age
1(3) Carl Otto Benz b. 3 Mar 1921 Haledon, NJ age d. Jan 1966 age 45 OH	Alfreda Syriac b. 4 Oct 1921 m. Paterson, NJ age d. age
1(4) Frieda Norine Benz b.29 Jan 1925 Haledon, NJ m.12 Aug 1945 age 20 m.17 May 1969 Dutch Reformed, age 44 Wayne, NJ d. age	John Zawonski (1) b.18 Oct 1922 Passaic, NJ age 22 d. age divorced Gordon Kirchner (2) b.11 Nov 1917 Clifton, NJ age 51 d. age

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age 25
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LOUISE STEIMLE
b.12 Jan 1850 Möhringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
m. 3 Feb 1876 Tumringen, W.Ger.
age 26
d.29 Mar 1919 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 69 Paterson, NJ

2(5)
Herman Benz
b.11 Mar 1885 Morrisania, New York City, NY
age 21
d. 7 Mar 1959
age 74

Mary Margaret Dyer
b.14 May 1876 Paterson, NJ
m. 4 Sep 1906 Paterson, NJ
age 30
d. 1 Jun 1958
age 82

1(1)
Claire Marie Benz
b. 4 Aug 1908
m.
age
m. 7 Nov 1939 New York City, NY
age 31
m.
age
m.
age
d. 4 May 1973 Cedar Lawn Cem.
age 64 Paterson, NJ

Chapin Read (1)
b.
age
d.
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J. Burt Stoddard (2)
b.
age
d.
age

Hunter (3)
b.
age
d.
age

Frederick Falkin (4)
b.18 Apr 1906
age
d.
age
divorced

1(2) Vaughan Helen Benz b.16 Feb 1915 m.14 Nov 1941 New York City, NY age 26 d. age	Richard Winston Ayers b. age d. age
1(3) Herman Alan Benz b.16 Feb 1915 age 31 d. age	Jewel Huber b. m.28 Sep 1946 Cecil County, MD age d. age

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2(6) Emma Helen Benz b.13 Jun 1887 Haledon, NJ m. age d. 8 Jan 1919 Laurel Grove Cem. age 31 Paterson, NJ	Cornelius Meyer b.23 Oct 1889 age d. age
1(1) Winifred Meyer b.25 Dec 1918 Paterson, NJ m. age d. age	Joseph Roughgarden b.27 Nov 1917 age d. age

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2(9) Adelaide Margaret Benz b.17 Apr 1892 Haledon, NJ m. 7 Oct 1915 St. Mary's Church age 23 Haledon, NJ d. age	Arthur John Harris b.18 Apr 1890 Paterson, NJ age 25 d.15 Oct 1934 Laurel Grove Cem. age 44 Paterson, NJ
1(1) Elizabeth Louise Harris b. 2 Sep 1916 Paterson, NJ d.13 Mar 1918 Laurel Grove Cem. age 1 Paterson, NJ	X
1(2) Adelaide Harris b.13 Dec 1918 Paterson, NJ d.25 Dec 1918 Laurel Grove Cem. age 0 Paterson, NJ	X
1(3) Lucille Faith Harris b.10 Oct 1920 Paterson, NJ d. age	X
1(4) Arthur Benz Harris b. 3 Jun 1926 Paterson, NJ age 26 d. age	Norine Maura Pickett b. 9 Jan 1931 New Haven, CT m.28 Jun 1952 Our Lady of Mount age 21 Carmel, Hamden, CT d. age

3;3-2(1),2(9),1(1)
Elizabeth Louise Harris
b. 2 Sep 1916 Paterson, NJ

d.13 Mar 1918 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 1 Paterson, NJ

Norine Maura Pickett b. 9 Jan 1931 New Haven, CT m. 28 Jun 1952 Our Lady of Mount age 21 Carmel. Hamden, CT d. age	3;3-2(1),2(9),1(4) Arthur Benz Harris b. 3 Jun 1926 Paterson, NJ age 26 d. age

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2(1) George Benz b. 1878 age 30 d. 1957 age 79	Daisy Lucas b. m. 1908 age d. age
1(1) George Hamilton Benz b.26 Aug 1910 age d. age	Olive Prior b. m. age d. age
1(2) Marie Louise Benz b. 4 Dec 1912 m. age d. age	Gustin b. age d. age

George Hamilton Benz 3;4-3( ),3(4),2(1),1(1) Clive Prior

Our limited history of George is copied from "History of Paterson and Its Environs" by William Nelson and Charles A. Shriner, Volume III, page 370, Lewis Historical Publishing Company, New York and Chicago, 1920:

"George Hamilton (Benz), born Aug. 26, 1910, ---- has a voice of exceptional range and beauty, and at the age of nine, he was accepted as a chorister in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City, being the first Paterson boy to enter the Cathedral Choir School."

An introduction to Hamilton as the author of "The Lady Reveals All" which was published in the Museum Magazine, adds considerably to his history:

"Hamilton Benz, author of our article on the Transparent Woman, visible at the Boston Museum of Science, is of comparable translucence in his own right. He has appeared in more than 30 roles in opera, and his triumph as Gianni Schicci in a Carnegie Hall performance of that charming Puccini tour de force was unforgettably droll and vocally spellbinding. He has written many TV dramas (among them works appearing on the Hallmark Hall of Fame), and published many articles in major publications, as well as writing a number of films. In a famous production of La Traviata filmed in Italy, he was the voice of Guisseppi Verdi, who would never have turned to composing if he had ever been so lucky as to have possessed pipes of the Benz timbre. He has appeared in a number of Broadway musicals as actor and singer, and turned this and his opera work to good account as stage director of operas, musicals and musical festivals all over the world. Hamilton is familiar with the more roguish nuances of French, German and Italian, as well as being a master of the well-tuned phrase in English, as he so gracefully proves in his love letter to the transparent woman - and he can demonstrate this to anyone wishing to joust with him in the trivia and history of baseball (who played third for the Red Sox in 1928, when a bunt turned into a home run, and a triple play involved five runners, all in the same game? He is a year 'round resident of Martha's Vineyard and there is no use attempting to shoot pool with Benzie (known as "Drene" to a select number of friends, after the famous inhalant). He'll win."

A quotation of a few lines from Hamilton's article follows:

"On my way by cab to the Boston Museum of Science I noticed a jogger, in shorts and naked to the waist, lumbering along the sidewalk. He had the average male body, sraight-lined, angular, square: no thing of beauty to me. The Baroque artists saw the curved line as most beautiful, which was why they favored the female as a subject. So let the exhibitionistic body-builders and opponents of heterosexuality admire the muscled male. Give me a girl any day, even such an anomaly as the Transparent Woman whom I was on my way to meet."

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Market Street Methodist Episcopal Church

Rev. C. E. SCUDDER, D. D., Pastor

SONG RECITAL

by

Master GEORGE HAMILTON BENZ

Boy Soprano Soloist

of the

Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York

Assisted by

GEORGE BENZ, Organist 1

TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 14, 1925

. . . PROGRAM . . .

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1.	ORGAN—"Fantasia in F" - - - - - -	Polleri
2.	SOPRANO—(a) "My Heart Ever Faithful" -	Bach
	(b) "Florian's Song" - - -	Godard
	(c) "Ich Liebe Dich" (German) -	Grieg
3.	ORGAN—(a) "Prelude in C Sharp Minor" -	Voderinski
	(b) "Triumphal March" - - -	Lemmons
4.	SOPRANO—(a) "Panis Angelicus" (Latin) -	Franck
	(b) "Calm as the Night" - - -	Bohm
5.	ORGAN—(a) "Prelude in D flat" - - -	Chopin
	(b) "Polonaise in A" - - - -	Chopin
6.	SOPRANO—(a) "Obstination" (French) - -	de Fontenailles
	(b) "On the Road to Mandalay" -	Speaks
7.	ORGAN—"Grand Offertoire in C Minor" - -	Batiste
8.	DUET (Two Sopranos)—"I Waited for the Lord"	Mendelssohn
	Daisy Lucas Benz and Hamilton Benz	2
9.	ORGAN—"Tannhauser March" - - - -	Wagner

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Hamilton Benz

Baritone

Song Recital

Helen Ernsberger at the Piano

Program

I.

a. O Kuehler Wald ..... Brahms
b. Verrath ..... Brahms
c. Wie Melodien zieht es ..... Brahms
d. Traun! Bogen und Pfeil ..... Brahms

II.

a. Tristezza Crepuscolare ..... F. Santoliquido
b. O piccola Maria ..... M. E. Bossi
c. Alba di luna sul bosco ..... F. Santoliquido
d. Canto d'Aprile ..... M. E. Bossi

III.

"Vision Fugitive" ..... Massenet
(From the opera "Herodiade")

INTERMISSION

IV.

a. Marins d'Islande ..... Felix Fourdrain
b. L'Intruse ..... Henri Fevrier
c. Beau Soir ..... Debussy
d. Lamento Provencal ..... Paladhile

V.

a. A Winter Sunset ..... Horace Tureman
b. The Roadside Fire ..... Vaughan Williams
c. Soldier, Soldier, Morning is red ..... Ralph Degolier
d. The Abbot of Derry ..... Powell Weaver
e. Love went a-riding ..... Frank Bridge

Paterson Woman's Club
Monday, March 30th, 1936

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1 George Benz 3;4-3( ),3(4),2(1) father
2 Daisy Lucas W3;4-3( ),3(4),2(1) mother

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2(2) Rosalie Benz b. m. age d. age	Charles E. Geng b. age d. age
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1(2) James L. Geng b. age d. age	 b. m. age d. age
1(3) George A. Geng b. age d. age	 b. m. age d. age

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1(2) Ethel Geng b. 1 Jul 1908 m. 4 Jun 1927 age 18 d. 9 Mar 1933 age 24	George Hackett b. age d. age
1(3) Emily Geng b. 6 Sep 1910 m. age	John Vandelinda (1) b. age d. age

m. age d. age	Nelson Corby (2) b. age d. age
1(4) Lillian Geng b. d. age	X
1(5) Josephine Geng b.21 Mar 1913 m. age d. 1 Aug 1962 age 49	Barney St. Almond b. age d. age
1(6) Rose Geng b.25 Jun 1914 m. age d.30 Nov 1941 age 27	Victor Ryan b. age d. age
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-1(2) Graham McNeill Ayers b. 3 Sep 1969 Baltimore, MD age d. age	b. m. age d. age

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Our brief history of JOSEPH and LAVINIA is based on a conversation with Joseph Abele Maurer on 3 August 1980: 1

"JOSEPH left Germany at 18 years of age to avoid military conscription. In this country, he became a licensed preacher. He preached in Trexlertown, PA, near Reading, and at Centerport, PA, where he lived. Later, he moved to Allentown, PA, and preached at St. John's Church (Evangelical) on North Street, Bethlehem, PA. During the late 1870's he moved to Quincy, IL. While there, because of insufficient work as a preacher, he worked in a slaughter house. We have no record of the date of his return to Pennsylvania."

Greetings from
Gramma Abele
& Sister

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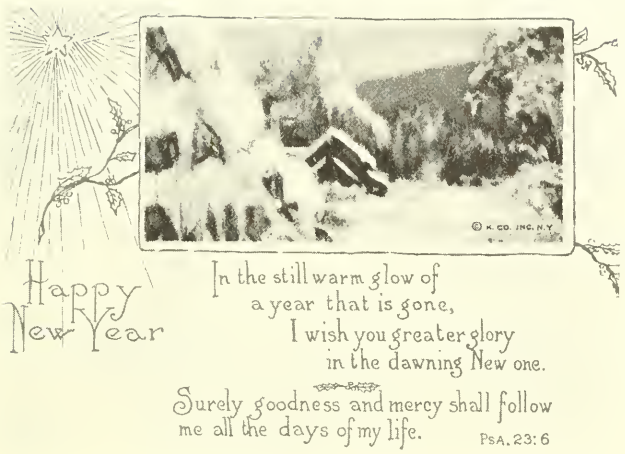

"too Mrs & Mr 3,4
ANDREW MAUERE
and family all
a Happy N Y
Mother"

Mailed from Allentown, PA, 31 December 1924

1	Joseph Abele Maurer	2;2-2(1),1(2)	grandson
2	MARGARET LYDIA MAURER	2;1-1(4)	granddaughter
3	LYDIA LAVINIA ABELE	4;2-1(4)	daughter
4	ANDREW MAURER	2;2-2(1)	husband of LYDIA

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2(2) Charles J. Abele b. age age age d. age	Jenny L. Seislove (1) b. 3 Jan 1879 m. age d. 6 Jun 1902 Fairview Cem. age 23 Allentown, PA Clara (2) b. m. age d. age Bess Worman (3) b. m. age d. age
2(3) Francis Joseph Abele b. Quincy, IL d. Quincy, IL age	X

4;2-1(4) 6 LYDIA LAVINIA ABELE (2) b.23 Feb 1880 Quincy, IL m. 2 Feb 1905 Immanuel Evangeli- age 24 cal, Allentown, PA d. 4 Sep 1951 Nisky Hill Cem. age 71 Bethlehem, PA	2;2-2(1) 5 ANDREW MAURER b.14 Apr 1874 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 30 d.15 Sep 1945 Nisky Hill Cem. age 71 Bethlehem, PA
2(5) Wilson H. Abele b. 1885 age d. Jul 1970 Fairview Cem. age 85 Allentown, PA	Emily Mullin b. 1888 Catasauqua, PA m. age d. 1974 Fairview Cem. age 86 Allentown, PA
2(6) Robert Abele b. age d. age	Sally b. m. age d. age
2(7) Ann Abele b. d. age	X

Charles J. Abele 4;3-2( ),2(2)

Jenny L. Seislove (1)
Clara (2)
Bess Worman (3)

Mailed 6 April 1917 from Allentown, Pa., by Charles Abele to his sister, LYDIA, addressed: "Mrs. Andrew Maurer, St Lukes Hospital, So Bethlehem, Pa."

"-. Dear Sister.-
May this Easter
season bring you
many things to
make you happy
With Love
Chas"

Wilson H. Abele 4;3-2( ),2(5) Emily Mullin

According to her obituary, Emily resided at 104 North 13th Street, Allentown, PA, was a retired silk worker and was a daughter of James and Mary Mullin. It states also that she was active as a youth leader in the Sunday School and mission band of Bethany Evangelical Congregational Church, where she was a member. Also, that she took part in the summer activities at Waldheim Park, Allentown, served as a Republican committeewoman during the 1930s, and that she was one of the first Allentown women to drive her own car to take (voters) to the polls.

4;3-2( ),2(6)
Robert Abele
b.

m.
age
d.
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1(2) Myron A. Cleaver b. age d. age	 b. m. age d. age

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1(1) Clay Henry Abele b. 29 Apr 1897 Allentown, PA age d. 29 Apr 1965 Fairview Cem. age 68 Allentown, PA	Edith M. Downing b.24 Sep 1895 Allentown, PA m. age d. 4 Jul 1981 Fairview Cem. age 85 Allentown, PA
	Clara (2) b. m. age d. age
age age d. age	Bess Worman (3) b. m. age d. age

Clay Henry Abele 4;3-2( ),2(2),1(1) Edith M. Downing

From her obituary, we read that Edith, born in Allentown, PA, was the daughter of Walter J. Downing and Annie Diehl. She was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Allentown, and was a bookkeeper for the Kleppinger Company of that city.

From his obituary, Clay's residence is given as 1034 North 21st Street, Allentown, PA, and that he was a retired bookkeeper for Bethlehem Steel Corporation. He was also referred to as a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Allentown.

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1(2) Walter M. Abele b. age d. age	b. m. age d. age

1(3) Blanche P. Abele b. m. age d. age	Roy D. Lobb b. age d. age
1(4) Grace L. Abele b. m. age d. age	Franklin T. Rader b. age d. age

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d.23 Oct 1929 Fairview Cem. age 0 Allentown, PA	

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5;7-5( ) 143 b. age d. age	73;7-1( ) 144 b. m. age d. age
5;6-4( ) 71 WILLIAM MESSERVE b. age d. age	37;6-1( ) 72 b. m. age d. age

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5;6-4( ) 71 WILLIAM MESSERVE b. age d. age	37;6-1( ) 72 b. m. age d. age
5;5-3( ) 35 JACOB MESSERVE b. age d. age	19;5-1(4) 36 DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER b. Woodbridge, NJ m.20 Mar 1813 age d. Nov 1870 Bay View Cem. age Jersey City, NJ
5( ) George G. Messerve b. 1773 age d. 7 Sep 1826 age 53	Catherine b. 1780 m. age d. 1823 age 43

19;5-1(4) 36
DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER
b. Woodbridge, NJ

m.20 Mar 1813
age
d. Nov 1870 Bay View Cemetery,
age Jersey City, NJ

JACOB MESSERVE 5;5-3( ) DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER 19;5-1(4)

No record of JACOB's date and place of birth has been found but we have four indications that he was a New Yorker. On 2 January 1812, WILLIAM CREEMER addressed a letter to his daughter, Miss DEBORAH B. CREEMER, Young Ladies Seminary, No. 102 Bowery, New York, NY, where she was employed as a teacher. On 4 June 1815, he wrote to JACOB MESSERVE, now his son-in-law, in New York, saying: 1

"I am pleas'd & thankful that DEBBY is so well - and let her be thankful - that a Son is Born in the World and that a deliverance has been administer'd to her, And She becomes a Mother in Israel indeed" 3

It appears quite certain from this letter and those of 3 June 1818 and 15 July 1822, also from WILLIAM CREEMER, that a daughter, Augusta, was born to DEBORAH and JACOB earlier. 1 3½ 1
As a postscript to the same letter, WILLIAM CREEMER expresses hope that JACOB's parents will pay him a visit. This implies they are within a reasonable travelling distance from Woodbridge, NJ.

"I should be happy to receive some of your Family at the Asylum especially your Father & Mother - or either of them through the course of the Summer please to give my love to them all" 4,5

The interval between the dates of these letters certainly suggests that the courtship and marriage took place in the New York area. Additional support to this supposition is found in the letter written on 29 May 1817 to JACOB, now in Savannah, GA, by John Leveridge in New York in which he refers to JACOB's "Northern Constitution": 2

"Mrs M. informs me you intend remaining at Savannah during the Summer. Do you not my Dear Sir, Risk too much in doing so? You know how fatal that climate is to Northern constitutions"

It appears that JACOB left New York for Savannah, GA sometime after June 1815 to establish himself in business but that his wife & children did not go with him. On 10 January 1816, John Leveridge in New York, wrote to JACOB in Savannah addressing him as "Merchant": 3,2

"I wrote you in haste by the Laura which I hope you have rec'd. Times are excessive hard and difficult here no money to be had - It grieves me that I have not been able to furnish Mrs M. with as much money as perhaps you expected I could. Rest assured it has not been owing to good will on my part, but the impossability to collect money together with the pressure of the times Randolphs Note is due the 16th He has put in Bank & will not waite as you expected - Hutton has called on me respecting the Note given to Hutton & Brown it will be due 18 March - You must make arrangements to take it up by the day as they will not waite - at all events I wish not to have any difficulty with them respecting it - it would be highly injurious to me - let me hear from you - Remember us to Mr. Brant - We are all well likewise your family" 7

The statement by WILLIAM CREEMER in his letter written from Wood- 1

bridge, NJ to JACOB in Savannah on 3 June 1816:

"We have our health - even down to little William Edwin Messerve" 6

implies that DEBORAH remained in the North to bear her third child, William, who was born on 26 May 1816 with the obvious conclusion that JACOB did not depart for Savannah until after September of 1815. Nearly a year later, John Leveridge, writing from New York on 29 May 1817 to JACOB in Savannah reveals that JACOB's family still have not joined him: 2

"In compliance with my promise to Mrs M. that I would write you on my return here I have set down to do it; altho' I have nothing of importance to communicate - I am fearful that the claim against Capt Kirby will be lost He is in Insolvent circumstances. His furniture has been seized for Rent and Sold. I have commenced proceedings against him, he has given special Bail & I intend to keep them over him, to seize the first opportunity to obtain the money and to incur as little costs as possible - I wrote in Reply to your last, informing you of the Receipt of Capt Kirby due Bill, & of my having proceeded against him on it, which letter I presume you must have rec'd long since - Mrs M. informs me you intend remaining at Savanah during the Summer. Do you not my Dear Sir, Risk too much in doing so? You know how fatal that Climate is to Northeren constitutions Yet I feel assured that you would not attempt it unless your future prospects in life warranted the experiment. Still as a friend I can not reconcile myself to the idea of your remaining there thru the Summer. Should you have determined on it, I hope success may crown your efforts - for you richly deserve it. Please present my respects to Mr Brant & accept mine & Adeline's best wishes for your prosperity and Welfare" 7,8

Along with business matters, we learn from John Leveridge in his letter to JACOB dated 11 October 1817 that DEBORAH and her three children, after an apparent separation of two years, are finally sailing for Savannah for what must be a most joyful reunion: 2 3,6

"Inclosed you have my account against you up to this date - Ballance due me $230.03. You are still to receive Credit for money loaned me by yourself and Mrs M. The amount you have more correct than myself. I have given you credit for the amount of Shop account, which leaves the Borrowed Money only - to be settled. You will oblige me with your account of same- by next vessel as I am anxious to ascertain how we stand - I have administered to Estate of Mr Brant.

We are all well. Your Wife will inform you particulars. Wishing them a Safe & prosperous Passage"

JACOB MESSERVE was "raised to the sublime degree of royal Arch Mason" on 24 December in the year of Light 5817, "of Georgia Chapter No. 1, called the Royal Arch, held in the City of Savannah & State of Georgia." We are informed by the Fidelity Chapter No. 49, Royal Arch Masons, Ridgewood, NJ, that the year of light 5817 indicates that it was 1817. The reduced copy of the certificate of his degree with his signature in the margin follows:

JACOB MESSERVE, Royal Arch Mason, Savannah, GA, 24 December 1817

In the next letter addressed to JACOB from John Leveridge, dated 21 August 1818, we are informed that the family are still together in Savannah: 2

"The third note to H. & B. becomes due 15 next month. Will thank you to attend to it in time & remit the whole amt. We are all well. Hope this will find you & family well Adeline will write to Mrs M. in a few days." 8

A month later, on 22 September 1818, John provides us with some welcome news in his letter to JACOB: 2

"Your favor of 11th inst inclosing Draft on City Bank for $300 came to hand this day you will perceive in time.

I congratulate you on an acession to your family & hope this will find the Mother & Daughter enjoying good health. 9

My family are well. Adeline desires to be remembered to Mrs M. & yourself & you must (tell) the Children for their Uncle & Aunt. Adeline (wishes) to be remembered to you. I am daily expecting Pirsson & his wife from England. Pirsson says he has written you several letters but rec'd no answer & thinks you do not use him well - & Surely my Dear Sir if he complains, ought I not to. Last year you were in the habit of communicating with me almost weekly, & all at once stopped - I have rec'd only two letters from you since Mrs M. went on, & they on business or else perhaps should not have heard from you at all. 8 10,11

I have some business which I calculate to write you in a few days for your opinion & shall then be more particular - In the meanwhile believe me your friend & Brother & accept mine & Mrs Leveridge best wishes for yours & Mrs Messerve & familys health & welfare. In haste for Mail"

Our next news is from Joseph P. Pirsson writing from New York to JACOB in Savannah on 27 March 1819. JACOB noted on the letter that he answered it on 31 March 1819. The alterations in the text are Joseph's: 10

"It is now 6 months since my arrival in this City and you may perhaps deem it an unpardonable neglect in me not writing to you before, but as I know that you had heard of our arrival, & not being over fond of letter writing (which I presume is the case with yourself as I received no answer to mine which I wrote you from London) you will excuse my delay. & I shall look for an answer to this by the bearer who will return in the course of a few weeks. And now I beg leave to introduce him to you, his name is Perry, he is chief mate of the brig Othello & is a very agreeable man, and a client of mine. Being a stranger in Savannah & having got into that trade he is desirous of forming some acquaintance there & when I informed him that I had a brother-in-law in that place he requested of me a letter of introduction. ~~He is a man of very respectable connecions~~ & a client ~~of mine~~ on which account I ~~should~~ would thank you to pay him all the attention in your power. I saw in the paper yesterday

an account of the fire at Savannah and the names of the principal sufferers, among which was that of brother John. This has given us all much uneasiness & we are anxious to know whether the account is correct. You will oblige by informing me. Remember me to him & tell him I expected to have heard from him. I hope Sister DEBORAH & all your family are well. It is now getting pretty numerous as I understand ---- Mary unites with me in love to DEBORAH & yourself & begging the favor of an answer I remain" 11

The next letter from Joseph dated 20 October 1819 written from Woodbridge, NJ, reveals that DEBORAH and her children have again left JACOB in Savannah to return to her father's home in Woodbridge sometime in mid year of 1819: 10 1

"Your favor I duly rec'd & would long since have answered had I not delayed to write by brother John who promised to forward a letter to you for me, but who like himself never came near me to fulfil his agreement, or to say "good bye" ----

DEBORAH is well but very uneasy on account of the fever at Savannah: She has not rec'd a letter from you for a month past. Your little ones are all well. ---- DEBORAH intends writing"

John Leveridge informs us in his letter to JACOB in Savannah dated 14 February 1820 that our family is still separated and that JACOB is experiencing some problems with his business: 2

"Not withstanding your total Silence & my resolution not to trouble you again with a letter from me I have once more set down to write you; there was a time when that friendship subsisted between us, that there could be no hesitation on the part of Either of us to communicate our most private thoughts. Mrs M. has rec'd a letter from you & I hear you intend to leave Savannah for Milledgville & from there to New Orleans. from this I conclude your situation is not as desirable as you could wish, and if so I sincerely regret it. I do not wish to be impertinent or inquisitive, neither must you attribute my expression to any improper motive, but place them to their proper account. I mean that friendship that always has inviolably subsisted between us - after premising this, I beg leave to suggest to your consideration, whether the North would not be preferable to you. It does appear to me that your chance of success here, is preferable to remaining at the Southward. I wish you would seriously reflect on it. pray let me hear from you Mrs M. & Children are well. Adeline (wishes) to be remembered." 8

There is evidence that JACOB's plans to leave Savannah did not materialize. A letter was addressed to JACOB in Savannah on 5 January 1821 from Joseph P. Pirsson written from Lexington, Scott County, Indiana where he was establishing his practice in law. Since Joseph's wife and children remain in Woodbridge, NJ, it is likely that she would hear reasonably current news of JACOB from her sister, DEBORAH, also still in Woodbridge, and relate that news to Joseph. 10 11

"I understand your family are still at Woodbridge & I am thinking that we may manage matters in such a way as to meet there, and remove our respective families to our respective places of abode; & also I may hold out sufficient inducements to you, to remove to this Western Country yourself, & thus both of us with our families come on here together. I really am of opinion that you could (do) much better in some of the flourishing towns on the Ohio river in a Mercantile business than in any other part of the United States, when it is considered what an elegant opportunity a man of enterprise has of acquiring property here. ---- Since I came here I have become a Brother Mason of yours, therefore we are doubly united as Brothers, & I trust nothing will ever sever that sacred union."

JACOB is still addressed as Mr JACOB MESSERVE, Merchant, Savannah, GA, on the letter from his father-in-law, WILLIAM CREEMER, writing from Rahway, NJ, on 16 July 1822. This letter provides us with the last news we have of JACOB. We learn that DEBORAH is back with him and apparently with their two boys but both of their daughters remain in Woodbridge with their grandfather. Their fifth child, JOHN JACOB MESSERVE, will be born in Savannah a few months later on 14 November 1822. 3,6 31,9, 1,14

"My Son, JACOB, and my Daughter DEBORAH ----
I am hardly adequate to the task of letter writing - altho' I have this consolation that I am not writing to Strangers or to those who will sport with Age and infirmities, but to my Children in yon foreign Land, ---- Tomorrow William goes to Quarenteen Ground - or Brig, for things he has there - what they are I know not - only he informs me, that, You my son JACOB - has not entire forgot WILLIAM CREEMER the Elder, but has sent him a talkative Bird, a well chosen present.---- The Presents of Cotten mentioned in the Letter have not come to hand, nevertheless - You JACOB, your Mother in (law) desires me - from her - to thank you - Also DEBBY has her Mother's thanks for [illegible] which I know nothing or little about ---- Now for the Babes - Agusta has again got the Ague evry other day ---- AMANDA is very hearty - She realy thought Adeline was her Ma. but we put her in mind her Pa & Ma is in Savannah" 12 1 13 31 9 8

Twenty Eight years pass with no news of DEBORAH or her children except JOHN until we hear from Abraham writing of his arrival in San Francisco, CA, in a letter dated 18 April 1850, to his brother JOHN in New York City: 3 14

"Tell Mommy I intend to write her a letter as soon as I get time"

At least this short reference reveals that DEBORAH is living in the New York City area within easy visiting range for JOHN. Our inquiry concerning JACOB addressed to Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons, Macon, GA, forwarded by them to Georgia Chapter No. 3, R.A.M., Savannah, GA, was responded to by the secretary: 14

"I have searched all available records to find any information on the above.

No ledger sheets exist that far back

We do have handwritten petitions to the Chapter as far back as 1825 but none to 1817.

With sincere regrets that we are not able to supply the desired information, I remain ----"

Abraham's next letter from San Francisco to JOHN on 16 June 1850 in which he writes: 3,14

"I am glad you have arrange it so that MAH & AMANDA will live on their own floor" 9

implies that JACOB died sometime earlier. A reference to DEBORAH as "widow" on a deed dated 16 May 1859 and the complete absence of any mention of JACOB among a rather large volume of correspondence within this nine year interval supports this supposition. Records at the Bayview - New York Bay Cemetery, Jersey City, NJ. list a "J. Messerve" as having been interred on 2 June 1860 in the Messerve family plot, Lot Number 429, section I North. In answer to further inquiry we are informed that:

"J. Messerve is or was a John J. Messerve, as shown by our records and was buried on June 2nd, 1860. We have no listing of age other than date of internment."

JOHN JACOB MESSERVE did not die until 11 January 1889 so the identity of the "J. Messerve" who was interred on 2 June 1860 remains a mystery. A possible explanation which deserves further investigation is that JOHN JACOB MESSERVE arranged for the re-internment of his father from another cemetery on that date, perhaps from Savannah, at the request of his mother. 14

JOHN's letter to his brother, Abraham, on 23 January 1851, saying in part: 14,3

"I called upon Wm & Ann with Marr and took tea" 6,15

followed by two refecances from Abraham in letters to JOHN dated 14 February and 27 June 1851 respectively: 3,14

"Remember me to AMANDA and MAR" 9

"I heard from MARR and AMANDA" 9

at least keep us informed that DEBORAH is still in the area. On 13 July 1851, we finally learn from Abraham writing from San Francisco to JOHN that their mother is living in Hoboken, NJ: 3

"I have the Greatest anxiety about MAR I See by the New York papers you have had a great riot at Hoboken among the Dutch I wonder why you did not write me. I know how nervious MAR is and if the riot happen when you was not at home. I cannot but think it has not been well with her I see by your letter you must have left home at noon as the affair came off in the afternoon."

JOHN JACOB MESSERVE and his bride, JULIA CLELAND, were on their honeymoon trip through New York State and Ontario when they received two letters from DEBORAH written from Hoboken on 8 July and 17 July 1852, the first news we have by her own hand: 14,16

"I received your kind letter last evening and was very happy to hear of your good health and that you seem to be enjoying yourselves on your jorney and was much pleased with the description you gave of all you have seen and am much oblig'd to for the rose you sent and shall take good care of it. I have no news to write of importence we are all well and have been since you left which is the greates Blessing we can enjoy the Fourth July passed off quietly without any accident to Hoboken as I know of, we where all invited to Wm Idell to spend the afternoon, we all went and had a very pleasant visit. ---- Last evening William Messerve call'd for the first time since you left 30
home ---- got a news paper from Theodore by the last steemer 29
from San Francisco You had one from Mr Ray, enclose'd draft I open'd the letter as it was from Cal as I fear'd perhaps bad news and I shou'd Send the ltter on to you but as it is all well I have put the letter up safely untill your return ----
Dr JOHN you must not expect much from me at this time as I feal 14
not in tune for writing the day is very warm and dry the garden is suffering for rain we took all the Cherry all off the
Tree and made a nice pudding for the 4 I wish you and JULIA 14,16
could had some of them as they where good, ---- I must close this I will write you a longer the next one You must try and enjoy yourself and not trouble yourself about home I trust we shall do well untill you return ---- Heaven Bless you and keep you safe is the prayer of your Mother"

DEBORAH added a postscript to her letter:

"I wrote a letter to Abram on the 5th this month." 3

The first part of the second letter was addressed to JULIA but 16
after writing her blessing, added a paragraph to JOHN: 14

"I received your kind letter last evening and was happy to hear of your good health and that you appeard to be enjoying yourselfs This I want you to do and return home benifit'd by your travel. I have to say we are all well and getting a lonng very well I cannot say I feel so well myself, as I have had a distress in my head some days which make me feal very dull and heavy not much like writing. I feel sorry I cannot answer your kind and good letter as well as I could wish but you must have the goodness to excuse all imperfections knowing it comes from
one who loves you ---- Grandma has been very ill. She went to 13
spend a week with Adeline Brooks the next day she was taken very ill ---- I was up and spent the day with her ---- Heaven Bless you my children and keep you safe is the prayer of your Mother.

Dear JOHN I am much pleased to hear that you enjoy your health 14
and jorney but I look forward with much pleasure when I shall see you and JULIA home once more but do not hurry yourself try and take all the comfort you can this will make me happy the
Mail have arriv'd from California and a short letter from Wil- 6

liam and Abram which you see I have enclose" 3

We are informed indirectly that DEBORAH continued to live in Hoboken at least up to the latter part of 1856. JULIA CLELAND, while visiting with her sister, Mary, in Madison, CT, in a letter to her husband, JOHN, at Hoboken on 2 September 1852, wrote: 16 17 14

"give my best love to Ma."

Nearly a year later, on 3 July 1853, JOHN wrote from Hoboken to JULIA, again visiting with Mary in Madison: 14 16,17

"---- Having just returned from church with Ma.---- Ma has got the House very well and don't know but what she is a young goliah - she has got the washing & ironing done & now is going to take it easy till you come home ---- Ma will take good care of Jonny ---- sends her love to Sister Mary ---- Black Peggy helps Ma to do the washing." 17

On 12 January 1854, Abraham wrote from San Francisco to his brother JOHN: 3 14

"I was pleased that Mar continues in good health and Spirit and likes Hoboken."

The following year, JOHN and his wife, JULIA, sold lot 15 in Hoboken to DEBORAH for $400, according to a Deed dated 20 June 1855. 14,16

Finally, during a business trip, JOHN, writing on 27 November 1856 from Rochester, NY, to JULIA in Hoboken says: 14 16

"Give my love to Marr."

The first word we have that DEBORAH has left Hoboken is from pencilled notes by JOHN on a letter received from a Sam R. Syn on 3 February 1858 concerning his interest in property owned by DEBORAH: 14

"The property (in Hoboken) belongs to my Mother who, as She is becoming quite advanced in years does not care to disposed of it in any other way"

Another version reads:

"---- but since she has removed from Hoboken ----"

We have two more bits of news of DEBORAH; the first from ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD, writing from Hoboken on 6 April 1858 to JOHN, who says: 19 14

"Mar came from Wm's they are all well she looks fatigued or she would write a few lines she says she will be all ready to go home with you" 6

and one by her own hand, also from Hoboken, on 30 May 1858, to JULIA CLELAND who was visiting her sister, Mary, in Madison, CT while JOHN was away on another business trip: 16,17

MESSERVE 5
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WARRANTEE DEED.

Geo. H. Bell, Stationer, 168 Nassau St. N. Y.

This Indenture, made the Ninth ——— day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and Fifty five —— Between John J. Messervé and Julia C. his wife of the city of Hoboken New Jersey of the first part and Deborah B. Messervé, (Widow) of the same place 14,16

of the second part. Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Four hundred dollars ——— lawful money of the United States, to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the said party of the second part her heirs, executors and administrators, forever released and discharged from the same, by these presents, hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, remised, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, remise, release, convey and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, and to her heirs and assigns forever, All that certain Lot of Land situate lying and being in the Township of Bergen in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey and which on a Map made by Samuel H. Berry Surveyor July 11, 1853, of the realestate of which Richard Van Ryper died seized made for the commissioners viz Geo Vreeland Garret Sip and Jacob Newkirk and duly filed in the clerk, office of Hudson County a copy of which was returned with the report of the said commissioners and known and distinguished as Lot Number fifteen (15.) on a map Number two, of the said Realestate being one hundred feet wide in front and rear and one hundred and forty three feet in length on each side

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof: And also, all the estate, right, title, interest ——— property possession claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said party of the first part, of, in

"I take the pen to enform you how we getting along in Hoboken I thought of Writting you yesterday but was prevented and so put it off untill this evening, we are all well at the Cottage and as cheeful as we can be under all circumstances that is I myself as I do not feel so happy when my Children is away from me no more of this ---- I do not expect to meet my Friends on my biruth day as JOHN is away and Abram will not be hear and I will put it off untill they get home ---- we are all don Cleaning house Cate has been a good girl and we have got along very well I have got some little things to get to rights give my best love to Sister Mary and tell her I regret very much I did not see her when she was hear kiss the little sisters for me and tell Maggy how much her grandmother wants to see her and I think her Ann, & uncle William wou'd like to see the little girl and give her a kiss and a little Boy I know his name is John Edwin he wou'd like to give his sister Maggy a kiss all send love to all the Famley Heaven Bless you Child." 14,3 17 20 15,6 18

before we learn where she moved to after leaving Hoboken. A Deed dated 25 August 1858 from DEBORAH to JULIA MESSERVE, wife of JOHN J. MESSERVE, refers to her as: 16 14

"DEBORAH B. MESSERVE, of the Town of Bedford, Westchester County and State of New York"

News of DEBORAH in 1859 is limited to a brief reference to her visit to Hoboken and New York City by her son, JOHN, writing from New York to JULIA CLELAND on 12 March 1859: 14

"Marr is up to Williams and I have not seen her yet I was going up there today. ---- Mother was at fortieth street she came there the day before she seems quite smart & contemplates a visit to Manhattanville next week" 6 21

and the record on a Deed dated 16 May 1859 of the sale of her property in Hoboken to her daughter-in-law, JULIA CLELAND.

DEBORAH wrote two letters from "Bedford Hill Country" to JULIA CLELAND. The first is dated 29 July but the year is omitted. In it she mentions a visit by her son, JOHN, but no reference to the occasion in his correspondence has been found to indicate the year. The message quoted from Belle implies that DEBORAH's son, Abraham and his family, are living at the farm with her: 16 14 23 3

"I send these pen lines by JOHN who lives us for the City to day I hope he will find you and the Children all well I cannot tell you how much I want to see you and the Children we was all much dispoint'd you did not come with JOHN the last time he came up excuse my writing so short ---- Bell sends kind Love to you and says you must not dispoint us this time--" 14 23

Her second letter dated 9 April 1860 informs us of the lease of the farm:

"I received your kind and good letter on Saturday evening and I cannot tell you how pleased I was to recived it as I did not

[illegible] day of [illegible] in the year of our Lord [illegible] Between

Deborah B. Messerve [illegible] the town of Bergen [illegible] County [illegible] of the first part and [illegible] wife 16

of Richard [illegible] [illegible] same place. 14

of the second part. **Witnesseth,** that the said part of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred Dollars [illegible]

lawful money of the United States of America, to [illegible] in hand paid by the said part of the second part, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, remised, released, conveyed, and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, remise, release, convey and confirm unto the said parties of the second part, and to their heirs and assigns, for ever, **All** that certain lot of Land situate lying and being in the township of Bergen in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey and which on a Map made by James [illegible] Surveyor June 11 1853 of the Real estate of which Richard Vanripen died seized Made for the commissioners Jos. [illegible] Vreeland Garret Sip and [illegible] Newkirk and duly filed in the Clerks Office of Hudson County a copy of which was returned with the report of the said Commissioners and known and distinguished as Lot Number fifteen (15.) on a Map Number two of the said Real estate being One Hundred feet wide in front and rear and One Hundred and forty three feet in length on each side

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof: **And** also, all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said part of the first part, of, in or to the above described premises, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances. **To have and to hold** all and singular the above mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said parties of the second part their heirs and assigns, for ever. **And** the said party of the first part [illegible] her heirs, the said premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns, against the said party of the first part, her heirs, and against all and every person and persons whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same, shall and will **Warrant** and by these presents for ever **Defend.**

In Witness whereof, the said part of the first part have hereunto set her hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

William Lord [illegible] Deborah B. Messerve

This Indenture, made the [illegible]

[illegible] in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine

Between Gabriel B. Messerve (Widow) of Bedford Westchester County and State of New York of the first part and Sarah Messerve 16
Wife of Sam S. Messerve of the same place 14

of the second part. Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred dollars lawful money of the United States of America, to her in hand paid by the said party of the second part, at or before the ensealing and delivering of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the said party of the second part, her heirs, executors and administrators forever released and discharged from the same, by these presents, Hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, remised, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents Doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, remise, release, convey and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, and to her heirs and assigns for ever All that certain lot of ground situate at Hoboken in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey and known and distinguished on a Map or Chart of Hoboken aforesaid by the number 207, two hundred and seven, Bounded Eastern in front by Hudson Street between first and Second Street Southern by lot number 206, (two hundred and Six) in the rear by an Alley and northerly by lot number 208, (two hundred and eight) Containing in length on each side One Hundred feet and in breadth in front and rear twenty five feet, as by the said Map or Chart recorded in the clerk's office of the said County of Hudson will fully appear

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and revisions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof And also all the estate, right, title, interest

expect a letter from you knowing how all your time must be taken up with the Children and all you have to attend too and my Boy Barron Messerve gives you so much trouble and is it so is his name Barron or is it a joke of yours but let it go so untill I go down and then I shall know for true, To day is a very gloomy day Monday yesterday was the same I thought to write then but I felt so dull and bad I thought I wou'd put it of untill to day in hops it wou'd be a fine day, my head feels bad and affects me much to write but I must write I was sick I may say all last week I have only been out as far as the woodyard since AMANDA left but I feel much better now only my head affects me now as soon as the Weather becomes plesant I think I shall feel quite well again I was very sorry to hear Mother was so poorly I hope she will be spared untill I see her again I shall send to the office to night to see if any letters for us - we are selling off some things that was not Sold at the Sale We have not sold the Farm yet and I do not think we shall before we come down altho we was in hops we should but we cannot bring them to a Bargen I am in hops we will get all the rest settle indeed I can say we have paid all debits but the Inrest and that I want Abram to pay befor we go down. we have just sold the oxen to Mr J Miller for one $100 dollars now all the live stock is all gon sold all the Hay in the Barn for 28 dollars the corn for 13 Dollars, now we are almost thru I am in hops we will have all sold and don by Thursday and expect to leve on that day if the weather is plesant, if not on the next day Friday---- I thank you JULIA for the kind inventation you give to your home Heaven Bless you for it That is were I wish to be my home with you if agreeable to you we have passed through many trials and perhaps I have said or don many things that you have thought hard of me but for give me JULIA and let my home be with your home I have spent many happy days with you and I hope what few remaining days I may have may it be with you your letter this letter is Dear to me kind words from a warm heart how this cheers me may you be Blest for it you will be Blest those things do not fall to the grownd I will say more about this when I see you I must lay the pen down and rest my head, I must try and finish my letters as we shall send it down to the Post office to night"

It is not known when DEBORAH left the farm. The agreement of 17 April 1860 with Aaron P. Barrett which mentions "part of Dwelling House" and the short term covered suggests that she might have continued her residence there:

There is no news of DEBORAH for seven years following this agreement except for the possibility that she has returned to Hoboken to live if this interpretation can be given to the brief reference in the letter from ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD written from Atlanta on 17 February 1861 to JOHN JACOB MESSERVE:

"AMANDA wrote to Mar yesterday"

We first hear from DEBORAH on 21 May 1867 writing from Hartford, CT, to her grandson, John, but she gives no indication of why she is there or with whom she is living. It appears that later that year she returned to Hoboken. Her son, JOHN, during a business trip, wrote from Utica, NY, to JULIA on 25 September 1867:

Bedford Westchester County
New York Apr 17th
1860

Know all men by these present that I Aaron Barrett party of the first part doth enter into agreement with D. B. Messerve party of the second part. To wit. I take part of the Farm on shares such as cutting grass ~~and~~ cradling Rye, as can be if it agreed upon betwene us, and do also agree to Hire and rent the out buildings Garden the land around the House with Roadway to with priviledge of Pond for the sum of $40.00 Forty dollars From the party of second part agrees to give the party of first part peaceable possesion of the above written, togather with the part of Dwelling House that have been agreed upon and also for the term of Eight Months. Rent payable sixty 60 Days in advance) Commencing April 15th land expires December 15th 1860. In Witness were of we have hereunto set our hand and seal this seventeenth day of April A.D. 1860.

Witness
A. C. Messerve

Aaron P. Barrett
D. B. Messerve

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"Remember me to Marr"

and on 1 December 1867, her daughter, AMANDA, writing from Norwich, CT, to JOHN indicates that their mother is staying with their brother, William, in Hoboken. 9 14

"I had a letter from Mar last week She seems quite smart I think it will be a great deal better there this winter and less care for you and I think William and Ann ought to know what care she needs as well as us" 6,15

On 14 January 1868, DEBORAH wrote from Hoboken to her grandson, Edgar Barron Messerve: 22

"Dear Eddy I received your letter all safe and I was very much pleased to get it I see my Eddy you have not forgot your grandmother you say you want to see me and when I am coming home I say I want to see you so much I do not know how to wate untill Spring when the Blew Birds will come and Sing for us what a happy day Dear Eddy to see you all once more ---- I hope you can read this letter my hand hurts me so"

AMANDA was hoping that her mother could visit with her in Norwich and wrote to her brother, JOHN, on 2 February 1868: 9 14

"I was glad to hear from Mar I expect to go to Hoboken two weeks from next Thursday If Mar is well enough I want to bring her home with me."

About a week later, on 11 February 1868, she wrote again to JOHN: 14

"I had a letter from Mar saying she could not come here this month and that She must go to Paterson before she came here"

It is not clear whether DEBORAH went to Squaw Brook Farm to visit or stay with JOHN and JULIA but on 29 April 1868, she wrote to them from Norwich, CT: 14,16

"I do not like this place as well as Hartford perhaps I shall like it better when I go out more I have been out three times and once to church"

In May, she wrote again from Norwich to JOHN and JULIA: 14,16

"I received your kind and good letter night before last and I cannot tell you how glad I was to get it you are well and I think geting along very well with your garden and JULIA you have got those little Children to Bord this is very good but I fear it will be too much care and labour I hope Lu will be a good healpt to you and when I come home I will try and healpt I can amuse them some times I trust a good providence will be over us JOHN do not be discorage you haven a Father in Haven look to him put your trust in him and pray to him he will never leve you nor for sake you he never has nor never will all thoes all who put there trust in him this you know my Son This is my great comfort let this be your comfort and all be well poor William how sorry I feel for him I thought when 16 24 14 6

you first wrote me he was sick I thought he wou'd soon be well again but when you wrote this last time I feel much trouble fearful he will not get well soon but I trust a good providence will be with him and restore him to health again when you see him give my love to him tell him I will write him soon ---- I think I am feeling much better then I was my hearing is better ---- I went to Church last Sunday had a good sermon I like the minister very much he is coming to see me this week I must close you do not say if the little hats fit the children let me know in your next"

It is reasonable to believe that DEBORAH was still in Norwich when, on 29 August 1868, Julia Barron Maynard mentioned in her letter to JULIA CLELAND: 25

"Mamma and Mary are visiting to Grandma" 9,26

The news of William Messerve's move to Ridgewood, NJ, enables us to add the year of 1868 to the date, 12 March, of DEBORAH's letter written from Hoboken to JOHN and JULIA; part copied on next page: 6 14,16

"this is to in form you that I expect to come home next Wensday or thursday I do not feel like writhing to its stormy of rain but I fear if I do not write you will not get it as soon as I want you to get it for I must tell you William has bought a place and is going move on 24 of this month and where do you think it is 5 miles from Paterson Ridewood is the name he is much plesed with it I hope it will be so that you can come for me bring joney or Eddy with you and we can take all my things much love to all I close hope soon to see you all soon Heaven Bless you all my Dear Children and grandchildren is the prayer of your mother and grandmother I send you one Dollar to pay your way down Ann sends her love to you all William is not home parhaps he will write a few lines" 6 18,22 6,15

AMANDA MESSERVE was visiting her mother on the day she left the North to sail to Savannah, GA, to rejoin her husband. Upon her arrival on 3 October 1870, she wrote to her: 9 19

"2 weeks ago I was with you today I am so far from you"

"So far" it was; DEBORAH died sometime in November 1870 and was buried at Bay View Cemetery, Jersey City, NJ, next to her oldest son, Abraham. The Maynard family in Savannah received the news on 10 December 1870 according to the letter from Julia Barron Maynard to JULIA CLELAND: 3 25

"I heard the sad news this afternoon I can't realize can't believe that Grandmother is gone that I will never see her again in this world I did not think when ROBBIE started with Papa's dinner what sad news he would bring when he came back" 27

Inexplicably, the interment date recorded at the Cemetery office is 18 December 1870.

The following Spring, on 23 April 1871, we read a reference to DEBORAH by Lucy M. Gore writing from New Haven, CT to JULIA CLELAND: 28 16

Part of DEBORAH's letter of 12 March 1868 to JOHN and JULIA: 14,16

it I hope it will be so
that you can come
for me. Bring Jozey
or Eddy with you
and we can take all my
things much love
to all I close hope
soon to see you
ill soon Heaven
Bless you all
my Dear Children
and grandchildren
is the prayer of your
mother and grandmother
I send you one
Dollar to pay your
way down Ann
sends her love to you
all William is not
home partiss he
will write a few lines
your mother D B Messerve

"All made many inquiries concerning you and your family and Aunt Debbies' last sickness and death Regretting they were unable to attend the funeral services"

and, finally, a last word from AMANDA in a letter from Atlanta to her brother, JOHN, on 4 May 1873: 9 14

"You say you miss Mar ----for you always had her with you I think you do wrong by thinking of regrets you know she was not able to go about much in her last days"

1	WILLIAM CREEMER	19;6-2( )	(W) father
2	John Leveridge	H19;6-2( ),5(5)	(W) brother-in-law
3	Abraham C. Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1)	son
4	WILLIAM MESSERVE	5;6-4( )	(H) father
5		37;6-1( )	(H) mother
6	William Edwin Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(2)	son
7	Isaac Brandt	H19;6-2( ),5(1)	(W) sister Susan's h.
8	Adeline Creemer	19;6-2( ),5(5)	(W) sister
9	AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	5 & 9;4-1(3)	daughter
10	Joseph P. Pirsson	H19;6-2( ),5(2)	(W) brother-in-law
11	Mary Creemer	19;6-2( ),5(2)	(W) sister
12	William W. Creemer	19;6-2( ),5(7)	(W) brother
13	PHOEBE JOHNSON	38;6-1(2)	(W) mother
14	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	son
15	Ann Griffith	W5;5-3( ),4(2)	daughter-in-law
16	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	daughter-in-law
17	Mary Hattrick Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(2)	JULIA CLELAND's sister
18	John Edwin Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2)	grandson
19	ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;4-4(9)	son-in-law
20	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	granddaughter
21	JULIA COTTRELL	20;5-1(4)	JULIA CLELAND's mother
22	Edgar Barron Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(4)	grandson
23	Isabella L. Idell	W5;5-3( ),4(1)	daughter-in-law
24	Elizabeth Lucinda Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(3)	AMANDA MESSERVE's step-daughter
25	Julia Barron Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(4)	granddaughter
26	Mary Tallulah Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(1)	AMANDA MESSERVE's step-daughter
27	ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD	1;3-3(5)	grandson
28	Lucy M. Gore	W19;6-2( ),5(8),4(2)	nephew's wife (Charles N. Creemer)
29	Theodore		
30	William Messerve		
31	Augusta Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(0)	daughter

Heaven bless you my Children
and keep you safe in the prayers of your Mother
L.B. Messerve

George G. Messerve 5;6-4( ),5( ) Catherine

The only knowledge we have of George is from a letter written by WILLIAM CREEMER from Woodbridge, NJ, to JACOB MESSERVE, in Savannah, GA, on 3 June 1816: 1,2

"Elias & George M. your Bro. has paid us a visit" 3

1 WILLIAM CREEMER	19;6-2( )	brother JACOB's father-in-law
2 JACOB MESSERVE	5;5-3( )	brother
3 Elias E. Messerve	5;6-4( ),5( ),4( )	son ?

(Not Verified) MESSERVE 5
6-4( ),5( ) Gen 4

5;6-4( ) 71 WILLIAM MESSERVE b. age d. age	37;6-1( ) 72 b. m. age d. age
5( ) George G. Messerve b. 1773 age d. 7 Sep 1826 age 53	Catherine b. 1780 m. age d. 1823 age 43
4( ) Elias E. Messerve b. age d.14 Mar 1851 age	b. m. age d. age

MESSERVE 5
6-4( ),5( ),4( )

Elias E. Messerve 5;6-4( ),5( ),4( )

A birthdate for an Elias of 1818 has been found but this would not relate to the reference to Elias in WILLIAM CREEMER's letter of 3 June 1816, to JACOB MESSERVE quoted above. 1 2

1 WILLIAM CREEMER	19;6-2( )	uncle JACOB's father-in-law
2 JACOB MESSERVE	5;5-3( )	paternal uncle

5;5-3( ) 35 JACOB MESSERVE b. age d. age	19;5-1(4) 36 DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER b. Woodbridge, NJ m. 20 Mar 1813 age d. Nov 1870 Bay View Cem. age Jersey City, NJ
4(0)* Augusta Messerve b. d. age	X
4(1) Abraham C. Messerve b.15 Oct 1815 New York City, NY age 40 d. Jul 1870 Bay View Cem. age 55 Jersey City, NJ	Isabella L. Idell b. m. 1855 Hoboken, NJ age d. age
4(2) William Edwin Messerve b.26 May 1816 Woodbridge, NJ age 31 d.25 Jan 1892 Laurel Grove Cem. age 75 Paterson, NJ	Ann Griffith b. m.26 Jun 1847 age d. age
5 & 9;4-1(3) 16 AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE (2) b.10 Aug 1818 Savannah, GA m.30 Dec 1851 Hoboken, NJ age 33 d.11 Nov 1899 Oakland Cem. age 81 Atlanta, GA	1;4-4(9) 15 ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD b.30 May 1817 New York City, NY age 34 d. 5 Jan 1888 Oakland Cem. age 70 Atlanta, GA
5;4-2(4) 17 JOHN JACOB MESSERVE b.14 Nov 1822 Savannah, GA age 29 d.11 Jan 1889 Laurel Grove Cem. age 66 Paterson, NJ	10;4-1(6) 18 JULIA CLELAND b.22 Aug 1824 Manhattanville, New York City, NY m.13 May 1852 St. Thomas Church age 27 New York City, NY d. 6 Feb 1896 Laurel Grove Cem. age 71 Paterson, NJ

*In order to avoid changing the child sequence numbers for the older four children, Augusta has been given the sequence number, Zero.

Augusta Messerve 5;5-3( ),4(0)*

The first indication that a daughter had been born to JACOB and DEBORAH was found in the poem by which WILLIAM CREEMER opened his letter, dated 4 June 1815, to JACOB in New York City, which also announces the birth of their first son: 1 2,3 1 4

> "Never the less you have the Wish,
> A son & daughter You may kiss,
> Now what remains: but be sincere
> To rear them up in filial fear "

In WILLIAM CREEMER's letter of 3 June 1816 to JACOB MESSERVE, now in Savannah, GA, we learn the child's name and are introduced to her brother, William. It seems odd that no mention is made of her other brother, Abraham: 1,3 5 4

> "---- you will remember I have your little pledges - Agusta & Wm E. M. to carress." 5

It is likely that Augusta and her two brothers were taken to Savannah by her mother in the Fall of 1817 to join her father but she was not named in any letter until DEBORAH returned to Woodbridge, NJ, with now four children about mid year 1819, and went back to Savannah without the two girls early in 1822. WILLIAM CREEMER mentioned both girls in his letter to DEBORAH and JACOB in Savannah on 16 July 1822: 4,5 2,1 2 4,5,6 3 2,1

> "Now for the Babes - Agusta has again got the Ague evry other day - but in hopes She is geting the better of it, She takes a very powerful Bitter, that helps her, AMANDA is very hearty - She realy thought Adeline was her Ma. but we put her in mind her Pa & Ma is in Savannah they were much delighted with their fine & pretty things." 6 7 1,2

The "Ague" is defined in the dictionary as "a fever (as malaria) marked by paroxysms of chills, fever, and sweating that recur at regular intervals". It is quite possible that Augusta contracted the disease when she was in Savannah between the Fall of 1817 and mid year of 1819. This premise is supported by the statement by John Leveridge in his letter of 29 May 1817 to JACOB: 8,1

> "Mrs M. informs me you intend remaining at Savannah during the Summer. Do you not my Dear Sir, Risk too much in doing so? You know how fatal that climate is to Northern constitutions" 2

and by the reference by Joseph P. Pirsson in his letter of 20 October 1819 to JACOB: 9 1

> "DEBORAH is well but very uneasy on account of the fever at Savannah" 2

The complete absence of any further news of Augusta would indicate that she died while still a child.

* (NOTE: In order to avoid changing the child sequence numbers for the four older children, Augusta has been given the sequence number, Zero)

1	JACOB MESSERVE	5;5-3( )	father
2	DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER	19;5-1(4)	mother
3	WILLIAM CREEMER	19;6-2( )	maternal grandfather
4	Abraham C. Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1)	brother
5	William Edwin Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(2)	brother
6	AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	5 & 9;4-1(3)	sister
7	Adeline Creemer	19;6-2( ),5(5)	maternal aunt
8	John Leveridge	H19;6-2( ),5(5)	aunt Adeline's husband
9	Joseph P. Pirsson	H19;6-2( ),5(2)	maternal aunt Mary's husband

ABRAHAM C. MESSERVE 5;5-3( ),4(1) Isabella L. Idell

The news of the birth of a son to JACOB MESSERVE and his wife, 1
DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER, we find in a letter from DEBORAH's father, 2
WILLIAM CREEMER, written on 4 June 1815 to his son-in-law, JACOB,
in New York, NY:

> "I am pleas'd & thankful That DEBBY is so well - and let her be 2
> thankful - that a Son is Born in the World and that a deliver-
> ance has been administer'd to her, And She becomes a Mother in
> Israel indeed"

There can be little doubt that this unnamed child is Abraham. Un-
certain, however, is the date of his birth and the location of
this event. The date of 15 October 1815, recorded on a list by an
unknown ancestral hand, allows only a seven month interval until
the more certain birth date of his brother, William, on 26 May 4
1816. If the true date were 15 October 1814, the text of WILLIAM 3
CREEMER's letter of 4 June 1815 would seem to be unreasonably un-
timely. Looking ahead, we find that Abraham didn't know either.
On 31 December 1852, he wrote to his youngest brother, JOHN: 5

> "As to my own Birth Day I did not forget it I did not know
> what day of the month I was born on Granmarr Messerve Say it 6
> on the 15th of September and Marr thought it 15th Oct." 2

Unfortunately, he did not mention his age. Further mystery is
added by the absence of any record of Abraham's middle name but
it would be reasonable to guess that "C" stands for Creemer. We
do not know whether Abraham was born in Woodbridge, NJ, at the
home of his maternal grandfather as was his brother, William, or 3,4
in or near New York, NY within commuting distance from his father's 1
place of business. That it was in the general New York City area
is almost certain. JACOB was addressed as "Merchant", Savannah, 1
GA, on a letter dated 10 January 1816 from John Leveridge in New 7
York City implying that DEBORAH was in the North:

> "We are all well likewise your family"

This is confirmed by the statement by WILLIAM CREEMER on 3 June 3
1816 in his letter written from Woodbridge to JACOB in Savannah: 1

> "We have our health - even down to little William Edwin Messerve" 4

Abraham, his mother and brother were still in the North nearly a 2,4
year later evidenced by two references to conversations with
"Mrs M" by John Leveridge in his letter of 29 May 1817 written 2,7
from New York to JACOB in Savannah:

> "In compliance with my promise to Mrs M. that I would write you
> on my return here"

and:

> "Mrs M. informs me that you intend remaining in Savannah during 2
> the Summer"

It is not until after an apparent separation of two years that we learn from another letter from John written on 11 October 1817 to JACOB that DEBORAH and her **children** have finally left to sail to Savannah for a reunion: 7 1,2

"We are all well. Your Wife will inform you particulars. Wishing them a Safe & prosperous Passage" 2

Sometime during midyear of 1819, it appears that Abraham and his brother were taken back north to his grandfather's home in Woodbridge, NJ along with his sister by his mother as implied by a letter from Joseph P. Pirsson written from Woodbridge on 20 October 1819 to JACOB in Savannah: 4,3 8,2 9 1

"DEBORAH is well but very uneasy on account of the fever at Savannah: She has not rec'd a letter from you for a month past. Your little ones are all well" 2

Letters between 11 October 1817 and 27 March 1819 confirm that Abraham and family remained in Savannah during that period. The first on 21 August 1818 from John Leveridge: 7

"Hope this will find you & family well"

was followed by another on 22 September 1818, also from John, with the news of the birth of Abraham's sister, AMANDA: 7 8

"I congratulate you on an acession to your family & hope this will find the Mother & Daughter enjoying good health" 2,8

and finally from Joseph P. Pirsson on 27 March 1819, all addressed to JACOB in Savannah: 9 1

"I hope Sister DEBORAH & all your family are well" 2

It is certain that Abraham remained in Woodbridge, NJ from his probable arrival in mid 1819 until sometime in 1821 or at the latest, January 1822. Joseph P. Pirsson, writing from Lexington, Scott County, Indiana on 5 January 1821, probably reflecting news from his wife who was also living in Woodbridge, wrote to JACOB in Savannah saying: 9 10,1

"I understand your family are still at Woodbridge"

The birth of Abraham's youngest brother, JOHN JACOB MESSERVE, on 14 November 1822 in Savannah indicates that his mother had rejoined his father at least by January 1822. The letter from WILLIAM CREEMER written from Rahway, NJ on 16 July 1822 to JACOB which refers only to Abraham's **sisters**, Augusta and AMANDA: 5 2 1 3,1 **32,**8

"Now for the Babes - Agusta has again got the Agur evry other day ---- AMANDA is very hearty - She realy thought Adeline was her Ma. but we put her in mind her Pa & Ma is in Savannah" 32 8,11 1,2

implies that Abraham and his brother William accompanied their mother on her return to Savannah. How long they stayed there is not known and we hear nothing of or from Abraham until 9 January 4 2

1845, and this in the impersonal form of a receipt. It does inform us that Abraham was conducting a business in New York City in the name of A. C. Messerve & Company:

"Rec'd New York January 9th 1845 from A C Messerve & Co Twenty five Dollars as per a/c rendered In full for rent of 4th Story of 60 John St to February 1st 1846 $25.00/100

Thompson & Van Veghten"

From a rather large number of receipts found representing the four year interval between 1845 and 1849, a few are selected and copied which are of special interest:

"Received New York April 9th 1846 from Mrss A C Messerve & Co Twenty four 16/100 Dollars In full for damages done by leaving open the water pipe on the 5th of march last & In full for all damages by water or otherwise to date

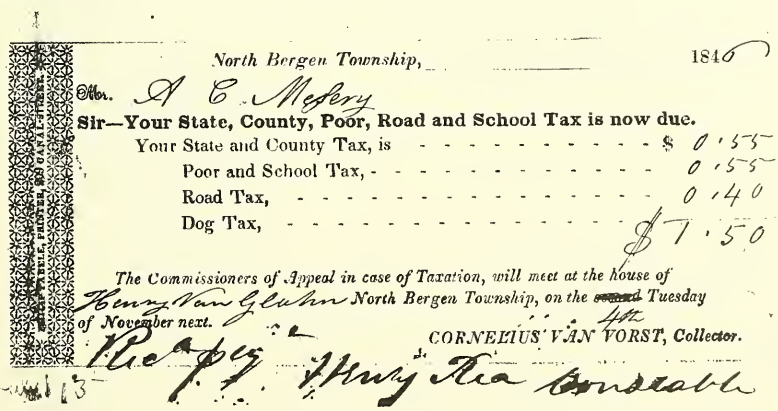
Thompson & Van Veghten"

A receipt for the rent dated 24 August 1846 is signed by Jm Coggeshall, possibly a relative:

"New York August 24th 1846 Received from A C Messerve & Co Forty two cents in full for bal of a/c to August 21st, which includes rent of Loft 60 John St due August 1st 1846
42¢

Thompson & Van Veghten
Jm Coggeshall

A notice of taxes due from North Bergen Township addressed to A C Messery reveals that Abraham was living in Hoboken, NJ in 1846:



North Bergen Township, 1846

Mr. A C Mefery

Sir—Your State, County, Poor, Road and School Tax is now due.

Your State and County Tax, is - - - - - - - - - - - - $ 0.55
Poor and School Tax, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 0.55
Road Tax, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 0.40
Dog Tax, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $1.50

The Commissioners of Appeal in case of Taxation, will meet at the house of Henry Van Glahn *North Bergen Township, on the* ~~second~~ 4th *Tuesday of November next.*

CORNELIUS VAN VORST, Collector.

368
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404

Rec'd pay Henry Rea Constable

We find the location of a store in the next receipt copied, dated 2 December 1846:

"Rec'd New York December 2nd 1846 of Messr A C Messerve & Co One Hundred & Twenty five dollars for three months rent of Store No 243½ Greenwich St wk to December 1

for Wm H. Chalmers
Thos. H. Chalmers"

Other receipts for rent of the same premises but not copied are dated 20 March 1847 and 12 May 1847.

A receipt dated 8 June 1847 indicates that a business relationship exists between Abraham and his brother, William, in A. C. Messerve & Company: 4

"Received Hoboken June 8 1847 from Messrs A. C. Messerve & Co One Hundred and Seventy four 07/100 Dollars in full of all demands of my interest in the buisness of A. C. Messerve & Co Flower Manufacturers, this being a certificate of my satisfaction to this settlement made this day at the Village of Hoboken N.J. Note at 6 months for One Hundred & Sixty dollars and a check for fourteen 07/100 Dolls amtg in all to the above amount

W E Messerve"

On 20 July 1847, a receipt, presumably for rent, indicates a change in the name of the landlord:

"New York July 20th 1847 Received from Messrs A C Messerve & Co their note Apl 12/47 @ 6 mos for One hundred & seventin 89/100 Dollars in full for settlement to date

Van Veghten & Coggeshall

The rent of the Loft at 60 John Street, New York, NY is covered by the receipt of 18 August 1847:

"Rec'd 19th August 1847 from Mess A C Messerve of Thirty Seven 50/100 dollars for rent of Loft 60 John St to 1st Inst.

W W Simon
T A Nafner"

A shipping notice dated 29 October 1847 to A. C. Messerve & Co is reproduced on the next page:

The next receipt of 25 October 1847 implies that Abraham also has a business relationship with his brother, JOHN: 5

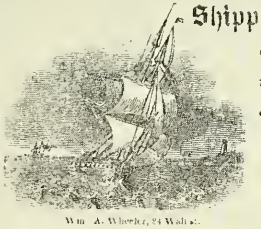
"New York October 25 1847 from J J Messerve (?) A. C. Messerve thirteen dollars in full to date for Books and Repairs

J M Sexton"

The rent was paid on 30 December 1847 for the Store on Greenwich St.

"Received New York Dec 30 1847 from A.C. Messerve Co their check for One hundred & thirty seven 50/100 dollars when paid will be in full for one quarters rent of Store No 243½ Greenwich Street due November 1st 1847

Sam'l Taylor"



Wm. A. Wheeler, 24 Wall st.

Shipped in good order and well-conditioned by H. C. Messerve & Co. on board the Ship called the Robt Parker whereof Weeks is Master, now lying in the Port of **New York**, and bound for New Orleans

Two Cases & One Bundle

D. P. J. & Co.

being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like order and condition at the port of New Orleans (the dangers of the seas only excepted) unto D. P. Scanlin & Co. or to their assigns, he or they paying freight for the said Use

8¢ foot

with 5 p primage and average accustomed. **In Witness whereof**, the Master or Purser of the said vessel hath affirmed to 3 Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void

Dated in **New York**, the 29 day of October 1847

Contents Unknown

Thos. P. Stanton
for the Capt.

On 10 February 1848 a receipt for coal was recorded:

"New York Feb 10th 1848 Rec'd from Mess A. C. Messerve & Co Fourteen Dollars balance in full for Coal as per bill dated Aug 18th

L.B. Reese & Co
fr L.C. Brush"

A receipt for the payment for goods sold was written on 28 March 1848:

"Rec'd of Messrs A. C. Messerve & Co. Three Dollars & fifty Cents, for goods sold on my a/c

N. Starr"

It does not appear that the Flower Manufacturing business was very profitable if the interval of time between June and November is significant:

"Rec'd New York Nov 25th 1848 from Messrs A. C. Messerve & Co Sixteen 84/100 Dollars to balance a/c up to June 24th inclusive

Ira Beard
A Adams

Considerably more current is the receipt for payment dated 10 November 1848:

"Recvd New York Nov 10th 1848 from Mr Meserva Eighteen 50/100 Dollars in full for Bill to Oct 1/48

S. L. Taylor"

The only receipt which mentions a discount was written on 16 December 1848:

"Recd New York Decr 16. 1848 frm Mr A. C. Messerve Thirty dollars in full for bal of a/c to date less 26 cnts discount

L. & A. Underhill"

One receipt refers to a payment by a note:

"Rec New York Dec 28 1848 from Mr A. C. Messerve a note of fifty Seven Dollars ninty Seven cents in full for a/c

I Beard
W H Foster"

The final receipt before an unexplained gap in time to 18 October 1852 was written on 17 February 1849:

"Rec'd New York Feb 17 1849 from Messrs A C Messerve & Co Lot of flowers in full for a certain note due in March for Fifty Seven 97/100 Dollars which I promise to take up when due

Ira Beard

Sometime during 1849, Abraham left New York for San Francisco. On 18 April 1850, in a long letter to his youngest brother, JOHN,

in New York, NY, Abraham begins an exciting chapter of life in San Francisco, CA during the Gold Rush days:

"I arrived here the afternoon of the seventh of April, the good Ship Senator did not bring me exactly to this place but lift me about four miles below. that is to speak plain She came very near being wrecked, we came in with a light breeze and got opposite Rock Island the breeze lift us, a Strong currant set in and took us on the Rock after knocking about two hours I thought it better to leave. So I went to my trunk and got out my best cloth and put them on, I then went out to see how things looked. I heard the Capt. Say it is all up with her (Meaning the Ship) the wind was then blowing fresh from the Sea, and the way She was bumping was perfectly Shocking I knew if She did go to piaces there would be a great Rush for the boats - So I went on the quarter and hailed a Sail boat they saw me and came on board I went into the cabin and got what little money I had look wishfully at my baggage walked out jumped on board the Sail boat with a fair wind I soon arrived in San Fracisco in a beautiful Shower of rain. After tramping about two hours in the mud (one foot deep) I found Theodore at the office of the Alta 12
California. I have now given Some account of my arrival here I wrote you from Valparaiso Directed to the care of Mr. Stilwell and I will probably write you again by the Steamer Pannama. You no doubt have heard that lumber is selling here about as cheap as in the New York market. there has been a great crash here among buisness men. all Kinds of buisness has been very dull but I think now are getting more brisk prospects have not been very encouraging to me but I Still lieve in hopes that things will look up, those Huseses (?) I have been advised to let them go for the freight this seemed to me hard to hard I have exerted all my energy in trying to Sell or exchange them and finally could not do anything better then to Sell two of them 13 + 16.13.15. for one hundred & fifteen Dollars a peice and they will cost me thirty Dollars to get them ashore I will only have my cart & Harness clear My Dear Boy it is a great task for me to write you this news but on second consideration thought it best to write you a plain letter & State the facts as they are I was not agoing to waite untill I had some good news I thought I had better let the worst come just as it is. I hope in my next to write you something good, I intend to get some inployment here rather then go to the mine althrough the reports from there are very encourageing, but it appear to me to me like going to maket you you see plent of potatoes grain etc. etc. and then go in the country you find hard work to get them or raise them you in New York read in the papers about two millions of gold coming in the Steamers but you do not know how many work for day weeks & months without the commonest necessarys of life. I write this to give you my ideas of the gold region althrough I may go there very soon it depends altogeather on buisness here. on my arrival I went to the post office expecting to get a letter from you I also went after the of the Tennssee but was disappointed I dont know how to account for it. you where to write on the first of February and send me the bill of Laden of that House So I want you to write me on the receit of this and send me the bill of laden or if

you have sent them write me what Ship they it are in I think
you had better not send me any more good the maket for all
Kings of goods change every day. I Staid with The. the first 12
week and he treated me like a Brother I am now Stoping with a
person in the painting buisness I do a little writing etc. I
am under no expense for board etc. I shall remain here untill
I deside what or how I Shall proceed I have applyed for a Sit-
uasion in the Custom House Mr Mines & Dr Edgar are useing their
best endeavours in my behalf (tell Mah, I like Mr Mines very 2
much) but there is one Minister & one Lawyer making applicasion
for the same situation however if that Fails me I have anoth-
er speckulation on Hand I want to hear from you very much we
expect a Steamer in next week I may have a letter from you in
her, you must excuse this letter for I am in the paint Store
and write what comes into my head first. till mommy I intend to 2
write here letter as soon as I get time till AMANDA I can never 8
forget her kindness in putting up those little notions for me
to used on bord of Ship till William Old Mr Higgins nephew came 4
out in our Ship ---- tell Thompson I think if he was here with
a little money he would do well, ---- the expense is no so great
as it was on the pasific side they came down one hundred Dol-
lars, you must keep in good spirits and be Kind to Mah, and 2
AMANDA you know I am now more of trouble & care to them then a 8
consolation write a good Long letter and tell all about our
affairs ---- Uncle Frank has not been heard from here he is in 13
the interior in three months I dont think Theodore will have 12
time to write by this Steamer he is in good health My love to
William J. Messerve. Left here Last January I must bring this 14
to a close May God bless you all is the cinsere prayer of

Affectiate Brother A C Messerve"

Abraham added a postscript to his letter:

"they got the Ship off about 4 o,clk in afternoon the Captain
says She is not injured any or if any not much"

More interesting news of life in San Francisco follow in Abraham's
next letter to JOHN written on 16 June 1850. He mentions that 5
this is his sixth letter but is only the second we have found:

"I have a good oppitunity to Send these Letters to aunt A. I 15
Send them by a Mr. who has been to the Mines and is now
returning home after numberless dangers hardship & hard work. I
wish you to be prompt in giving these Letters to aunt A. you 15
may read the Letters I have written her, and if you think it
to short you must make a apolegy for me my time is so limited
I do not write as I would at my Leasure we have had ano. Great
Fire perhaps the Largest yet, It Broke out on Friday Morning
about 8 o,clk and to day is Sunday and I have not had time to
look and see what is burnt but I intend to go to day towards
evining, I Say to day is the Glorious Sabbath I went to
church this morning and heard the Rev. Dr. Taylor, the Methodist
Minister I go to hear Mr Mines occasionally but Somehow I Like
the Methodist best it must be because when there I think I
hear My Mother Sing and it Seems Like the Savour Church New

York this Morning we Sang that tune they used to Sing at Milford Church in pike Co. (PA) here I Sit in our Little Ranche all alone the wind blows a Gale as it does every day almost without Exception a Misirable place to live in

evening 9 o,clk I have just returned from down town I saw the ruins of the fire which is awful to behold the Loss Seems greater then in the Last fire there is a great many Merchants burnt out it is dreadful to See So Much property destroyed besides the loss of the builings I think it will Stopt the progress of this place verry Materally you no doubt will have account of it in the papers: ---- I cannot finish tonight tonight for I am verry cold This is a bad climate on 16th day of June I would like to sit by a fire if I had one I would good night to bed to bed -

Monday 2 p.m. I am in the Store writing by my desk ---- I have read both or the five Sheets of your letter and how Glad I was to hear from you but your advice came rather Late, how I rejoyce to think I have done just as you advize me ---- I received your letter by Mail Some time since with the bills of Laden but the Ship Solon has not arrived yet I beleive it will be a small Loss to me if She never gets here, you want me to get a situation as Clerk, I done so Long ago not exactly clerk but Book Keeper as for the carting buisness I give that up the first week after my arrival here, I have got along pretty well as to money matters at any rate I dont want a cent from you if money go between us it must go from me to you this fire I fear will make buisness verry dull the Gold will all go to the States I am Glad you have arrange it so that Mah & AMANDA will 2,8
live on their own floor ---- you must read my letters to Mah. I will write her one of these days.---- you say William Messerve 14
is on his way home, Theodore got a letter a few days ago Stating he had arrived Safe home, ---- I am Glad to see in your 12
Last Letter 28th March that you write in Good Spirits you must go ahead in buisness try and save all you can live comfortable get all the information in that buisness you can ---- I may only Stay here Long enough to Get a capitol to go in buisness in New York So Keep a Good heart I am around. at present I am only Save about $16. per week but hope I may do better. In your next Letter give a full account of the Hoboken proterty what you mean to do with old Swan and all about what you had better do. I think I Shall be able to help some. but what ever you do dont sell it. you must take good care of Mah & AMANDA and dont mind 2,8
a little money to make them comfortable if I go to the mines at all it will not be before October or Nov. I think this is my sixth Letter to you I Shall not write again untill first of August Steamer it seems impossible for me to finish this letter the men (workmen) come after paint one thing or other and trouble me so I can scarcely write ---- I have very good employers in fact they treat me better then they do each other so I have no fault to find ---- more then half of the passengers that came out with Ship Senator have returned home with nothing"

Along with more news of "Gold Rush" days in California in Abraham's letter of 28 August 1850 to JOHN in New York is a reference to his 5
mother's birthday; tantalizing in the absence of a specific date 2
and age which remains unknown:

"I send you in this Box a few specimins of Gold for William & 4
Ann according as I promised Ann, Also one Hundred & fifty-seven 16
Dol & fifty cents in Gold dust and one twenty Dollar Gold peice
I wish it was in my power to send ten times this amount but it
gives me Great pleasure to send you this, Knowing how dark my
prospects were when I first arrived here. what is more the
person who kept the Books before me, after being in the Situa-
tion four months was obliged to Borrow one Hundred dollars to
Go to the Mines with and he got the same Salary as I do. There
is a great many thing I want to have written you, but when I
come to write I forget them one thing is Mah birth Day, I did
not forget it I was buissy all day. at night I thought I ought
to do something so I went to a political Meeting and Smoked a
Segar (which cost me one Shilling. I Spent quite a happy fourth
of July I heard a oration By the Rev Mr Butler the Baptist
Minister, I also Saw Theodore last night and had a Long talk 12
with him about his pecuniary affairs he will send Some Money
home by this or the next Steamer, he has been quite saving.----
buisness is very good at present, Last week we had 27 men and
their wages amounted to over one thousand Dollars on Saturday
night. In the new Store they Killen & Buckley have got me a
new Mahogany desk dressed up with red curtains. I have not
heard from John Hayden since he left here for the mines, your
nabour I forget his name went to the mines soon after his arri-
val here I have not heard from him since I have a letter of
his wife for him. I want you to Show Grandmah some of the Gold 6
and have her Speck made by new years, tell her I often think of
what she said to me when I Last saw her. We are agoing to have
a Great day tomorrow to Commemorate the death of Genl Taylor,"

In Abraham's next letter to JOHN begun on 23 October 1850, we get 5
a closer look at business conditions of the day and learn of
JOHN's interest in moving to California to join his brother:

"---- I received you Letter dated 10 & 11th Sept. you mention
Something about your coming to California, now that is a great
question before me and has been for a Long time I have many
and various reasons why you Should not come and many in favour
of your coming but heretofore I made up my mind you had better
Stay in New York and do what you could if you only made a liv-
ing I would be perfectly Satisfied I thought I would Stay here
and do all I could and send you all the money I could make and
after you paid Old Swan off and you got considerable experiance
in the ? and Jobbing buisness you could make a Selection of
the best costomers and we could go on our own Hook and if we
only made a living we have the rent coming in which would be
something I Know it is a Long time to look ahead and it is
hard for you to work and only make a living, but you would feel
worse if you were to come out here and Stay three months with-
out getting anything to do, and it would cost you to come out
and go home from Six to ten Hundred dollars for that Sum we
could do quite a nice little buisness at home either in the
Grocery or Some other Kind of buisness it might turn out first
rate if you did come out here but I have my doubts, beside my
Situation here is very uncertain I may be out of a Sit. when

you get this, It requires a Big Capital here to do any sort of buisness. Remember the place unseen is always better then the place already Seen, there is a man Lockwood here from Jenning in Broadway with Some Clothing he is doing very well I believe My Suit came from him, could you get a Lot of Clothing on consignment (not on credit) no sumer clothing). Could you trade that 256 Acres for white Lead or Oil or turpentine or for any Kind of Goods, for almost any Kind of Goods Sells well here now, I only mention this you need not Kill yourself to send me anything I thought if you could get Something Started it would warrant you to come out here Could you get any Assignments. would Hodges buy Some Groceries & muslins & flanels etc. window Glass Large Lights no Sizes Smaller then 16 x 16 from that up to 40 x 40 would pay well your Friend Johnson done very well here I beleive you ought have a talk with him,----

Thursday Evening Oct 24th we are very buisy painting Banners for the celebration of the admission of California which comes off on tuesday next. the Hook and Ladder companny called the St Francis is to be decerated with Artificial Flowers the committee called and Showed them to me, 3 Boxes of Sprigs not as Good as we used to make and Some 3 Boxes of common Bunches for which they Give $150. I forgot to say in my other Letters that Miss Gorden our Old Friend is out here She Keeps a sort of a place called the City Hotel we painted a Sign for her. I wrote you in my Last Letter Something about Starting a Grocery at the Mission which I have given up entirely believing it to be a erronious Idea, I dont Know what I shall do if I get out of a Situation here but I hope for the best I Know you will not accuse me of Vanity when I tell you that there are very few who could fill my situation here and what is more there are three person here who would jump at my chance So to Speak, and what is more & more I mean to Stay here as Long as I can and not risk money in buisness or by going to the mines. What think you - I do want you to Settle Old Swan off before you think of Leaving New York----"

Abraham was not indecisive long. Only a month later, in his letter to JOHN of 27 November 1850, he tells us of his copartnership in the paper hanging business with Frank Baker: 5

"I am Standing at my own Desk writing this letter to you, I am now on my own floor and doing Buisness on my own account, I must give you Some particulars of matters & things Since I wrote you Last. I told you in my other letters how uncertain buisness was here and that wages was coming down every day: Lower & Lower: the Long & Short of the Matter was - Buckley Seemed to think my Salary was high and that I ought to work for less, or there was a man ready to take my Sit. for less. I was determined to go to the mines rather then Stay here and make from four to Six Dollars per day and find myself. just as I was about to make arrangements to go to the mines, Frank Baker made a proposition to me to go into buisness with him which I excepted (Frank Baker is a young man twenty two years old born in Mass. formerly hired a part of Buckley Shop and carried on the paper Hanging buisness he is a first rate buisness man and well acquainted here etc. etc.) the terms of our copartnership

are Viz I am to have three Eights of the profits and three Eights of Loss Baker to have five Eights of the profits five Eights Loss. Baker is to put in the concern or has put in So far Eleven Hundred and I have put in Eight Hundred, Baker will put in five Hundred more making his Sixteen Hundred Dollars which will make our capital in all $2400. Twenty four Hundred Dollars, under the firm of Baker & Messerve Upholsterers & Paper Hangers. We have built an Story over Buckleys Store where we Shall hold Forth. and we have as beautiful little Room as can be found in California We are right on the Plaza! or Portsmouth Square next door to the American Hotel - or the Old Briant House. in front we have a porch or piaza to Show our carpets Rugs paper etc. the Room or Store is 28 x 16 the rent is $100. one Hundred per month the inprovements cost four Hundred Dollars which we pay Frank has Rented the place for a year our copartnership is drawed for three months: when Should I Sell out he is to pay me for the inprovements. If we can Keep clear of Fire I think we Shall do well. I have not done as I expected to do That is I wanted to Send you Some money by this Steamer but my going into buisness has left me without any money when I Settled with Buckley and he payed me in full, I had on Hand Three Hundred Dollars So I got all that I could Scrape together and made Three Hundred & Seventy five Dollars $375. I Succeeded in Borrowing Four Hundred & twenty five Dollars $425. on my note for three months. which make the capital of Eight Hundred which I have gone into buisness with

Thursday Evening Nov 29th For the Last Six weeks I have been cherishing the Idea that I would have three Hundred Dollars to Send you by this Steamer, I did I not truly beleive that I could make money in this buisness I am Sure I would not have not given it a second thought, I have Some in sight into the paper Hanging and Know that Frank has made money this Last Sixth months, there Seem good prospects in the future for me. and yet my heart feels heavy and Sad I am disappointed in not being able to send you some money by this mail. I have been in hope all the time that the Ship Solon affairs would be Settled and I would send you that money at all event, you may judge my feelings Capt, called on me this morning and told me with a good deal of confidence that all the account was made out. had we our House insured we would get $111.00 one Hundred & Eleven Dollars but as we had no insurance the amount coming to us is $1.62 one Dollar & Sixty two cents it appears the Ship is allowed freight & commissions etc. etc. etc. - has Swallowed up all I dont Know that I can do anything the affair it cost so much to do anything in Law and I have no doubt everything is as Straight as can be done in pen & ink, the Old Capt. Seemed anxious for me to give him a receit for $1.62 I felt so hurt & disappointed I told him I was able to Loose one dollar & sixty two cents and would not be hurried into giving him a receit without Knowing whither it was all correct or not.---- Four weeks ago we had the colera here to a Larming Extent I had a Slight attack as well as Buckley but had a first rate phician Dr Harris and we recovered in a day or two. there was no less then twelve persons who I was in the habit of Seeing daily who

died within three weeks of each other a darker and more Lonely time I never Experienced before in my Life and hope never to witness again, "

Abraham follows with another undated letter which contains the following photocopy of his sketch of his place of business and a bit more "Gold Rush" news:

"Dear Brother Shall Send a letter by Mr M. G. Leonard he has acted very friendly towards, and, is by his desire that I write by him, He will make everything Satisfactory to aunt abby. I send this draft on a/c of its being the original one taken from the Building, on New Years day, it being a Great holladay we have no goods outside, but on pleasent days generally we do make a good Show, the railing Surrounds a porch 6 feet by 16 feet, which gives us a fine View of the whole Plaza!"

On the other side of the sheet, Abraham seems to be enthusiastic about San Francisco but with mixed emotions over homesickness for New York:

"I have just read the letter over and found I have not Said more then one half what I wanted to about San Francisco which is destined to be the Greatest City on the Continint I would Say Pacific Ocean, why! She is that already well, well. She is to be one of the Great Citys of the world, There has been a new mines discovered Called the Gold Bluff, Many think it a good Speckulasion others believe it is all a farce. how do you feel, in regard to California do you think of ever coming out here or have you concluded to remain in the Old States. but I do think it matters little where we are if we were only happy, if I only could See you all how happy I would be. Sometimes, when I get thinking of home and those that are most Dear to me I can Scarcley contain myself There is only one way for me to act, that is to wait patiently untill I See my way clear and and then hurra! for Old New York, including Chatham St Divion St Broadway Union Park not forgetting Greenwich St - etc. -"

Perhaps the undated letter was written after the one following to his brother, JOHN, on 13 December 1850. Abraham did mention New Years Day and the apparent change in his style of writing suggests a bit of celebrating. We do have JOHN's answer written on 23 January 1851 to Abraham's letter of 13 December 1850 so a narrative sequence is superior to one in chronological order:

"I thought today being rather dull I would write you a few lines, the rain has fell fast all day or untill the present time 4 o,clk P.M. about 11 o,clk it Snowed the first I have seen since I left Cape Horn this rainy weather makes trade dull. Last week we had Six men to work, now we have only one, but I hope next week things will look up, buisness is very changeable here, the fact of our having little to do at present Seems to Show we will have plenty after a while. So I Keep in Good Spirits. Mr. John W. Cherry will in all brobability deliver this letter to you I have been acquainted with him ever

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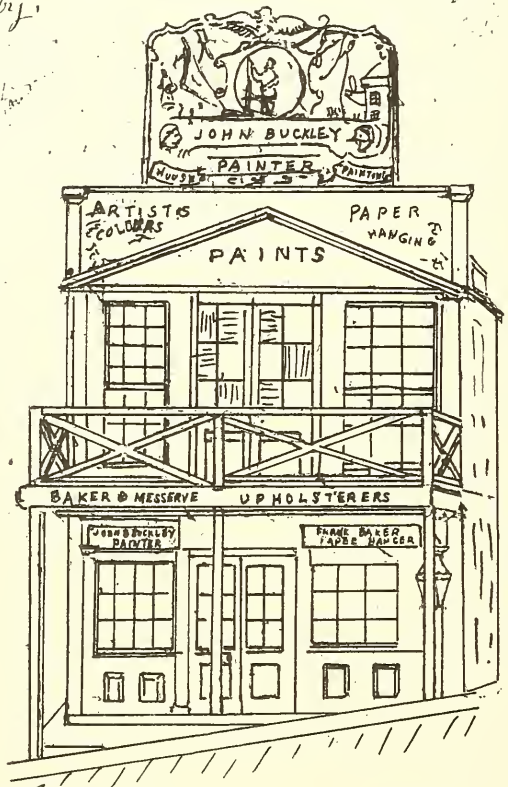

being the Original one taken from the Building, on New Years day, it being a Great holliday we have no Goods out side, but on pleasant day generally we do Make a Good Show, the railing Surrounds a porch 6 feet by 16 feet, which Gives us a fine View of the whole Plaza! Yours A. C. Messerve

Should our Cards not be to large I will Send one

since he arrived here. ---- I recived your letter dated 20th
Oct as well as cousin Wm Messerve but cannot write him by this 14
Steamer I wrote Brother William a letter just before I recieved his--- You can See by the New Papers I send you that we advertise pritty extensive, Baker Say that is the only way to make things Go here So I consented for the first month or so. My only regret In Sending that Gold Dust was that our Friends would think I was Sending you So much money it operated So on my mind at one time that I almost concluded not to send it untill I could make the sum larger. I am now in the Same position in Sending these paper to they make Such a Show, and yet I am unable to Send you any money (Gold Dust) I am Glad that you are going to appropiate that money to Swan but if you or Mar or 2
AMANDA required it why not use it. you Say it is Sacred, do you 8
mean to me or to us! I think I told you in one of my former letters what my Views where in relation to our private affairs, Now between you and myself I dont think I shall live a great many years I dont think this climate agrees with me quite as much as New York, looking at things in this light, I thought I would Stay here as Long as I could make anything of any account, and then I would come home, and if in going over our a/c we found a little one way or the other we would call it even but if I Should be behind hand then I will make it all right, unless you particularly wish it My interest never Shall be Seperated from yours, I write this because you may think or it may Seem to you that I am coming out quite Large and feel like Showing off Sum but it is quite the revest for I never felt more Humble. I can appreciate your Staying home and following a business you do not like, and then make only a living I Know how you feel and Abram in California making money so rapid do not look at it in this light but then I know you dont, if I could write for you to come out here nothing would give me more pleasure but I cannot write one word of encouragement for there are many here out of employment clerks etc. who would work for a living and are working for a living, and Suppose you move here and could get nothing to do, it would be worse then if you were home for living expenses are so high here, I beleive I had three Dollars in my packit when when I got a Sit. for my Board and they asked me at the Restaurants one Dollar per meal. Suppose you try and engage for another year do so my dear Boy I am with you that is my heart is, Stick it out one more year Keep up your Spirits and go right Straight a long dont care for any body who's afraid you mention Wm Creemer in your letter - 17
there are a number just like him out here and they do just about as well as he does in New York, make a living, thanks to our Dear Mother we understand things a little better, we ought 2
to Know how to Keep ought to Kow how to Keep money by this time. I Saw M.G.Leonard a few days Since and had quite a long talk with him we have some goods on consignment from him (paper etc. I was speaking of uncle Frank to him he told me I had better 13
Keep the gun for myself and he would See aunt Abby and tell all 15
about how things were here and that I could not get anything for the gun here. Frank my partner has just return from making a estimate on a Hotel for the sum of $400. but we dont Know whither we will get the job or not-----

Sunday Dec 15th we had quite a fire Last night which prevented me from finishing this letter the fire was not near us, ---- cousin Theodore is working at the Balance office ----" 12

JOHN's answer:So many words are scratched out, our copy is proba- 5
bly just a draft.
"I received yours of the 13th Dec. by the hand of Mr. Cherry who left it at the store during a temporary absense leaving his address upon calling on him found that he had left the City to see his family who lives in Paterson was expected to return in a day or two when I hope to have the pleasure of seeing him. -- -- I also received 5 papers and must say that I like your advertisement very much. I hope it will bring you lots of buisness I see that it is dull with you now but don't be down hearted I think you will do Something when the rainy season is over to pay you for all your trouble ---- You say that you will not be able to send any more Gold dust. Since I heard of of your going into buisness with Baker I have not expected any and therefore you can rest contented on that score, you wish to know if I held that "Dust" sacred to you or us. I mean for the particular object which I name, ie Old Swan Now for our little affairs. I expect All the Money that you make & received in California from your own Individual labour Shall be considered Yours with out any reference to me & whatever you shall receive growing out of certain trades in lots at the Missions in California Shall be divided equally after deducting all cost & charges. and the land on hand to be divided or sold & that to be equally divided between us and half my interest in the Hoboken Property I shall consider yours at the same as I gave for it But should you not realize anything out of the sales of the lots, I shall make you satisfied with your California expedition, the reason I make the above division is because I think my health is better than yours and I could not possibly in good feelings towards you take more than this and should it be so, that there should be a Balance against you I could never look to you to make it up but I know you have an idea of dividing all you get. this is appreciated but you must allow me to settle this buisness as I have named above"

It took exactly two months for JOHN's letter of 26 November 1850 5
written from New York to reach Abraham in San Francisco which he answered promptly the following day on 27 January 1851. Abraham continues to ramble on but at least gives us a clear picture of his character. He does complete his letter with an interesting reference to the general conditions of lawlessness in these early days of San Francisco:

"Dear Brother your letter dated Nov. 26th with Marr's & AMANDA's 5,2.
came to hand yesterday. I have not received the letter Sent by 8
Hand. you had better Send always by Mail: Marr wrote me you were in good Spirits and was likely to do well. how that part of her letter did cheer me; I wrote you in a former letter that I thought it best for you to make arrangements with Mills & Co for another year I now have Some hope to that effect. I Still beleive it, the best thing you can do for us. It will give me more time to See what I can do here, I am quite anxious to have a letter from you on your return. I know how you feel in your Situation it must be anything but pleasent but keep a Good

heart, I hope all will come out well with us yet. My health is much better then it has been for a long time I now feel in good Spirit, I had quite an attack of the Cholera and it left me in a bad State of Dysentry, I have now recoverd entirely from that and for the last three week I have been growing in Strenth, (the Dysentary caused me to be very weak) the Store trade is getting quite brisk but trade Generally is very dull. but I feel quite encouraged in our buisness and think as it comes on towards Spring we Shall do a good busness, I do regret that I was the cause of troubling you for one moment how I do morn to think it happened So, need I Say that your happiness is dearer to me then my own,. where

(he means "were")

I offered the Larges Ranch farm House in California with one thousand Head of Cattle to Settle here Seperated for a number of Years from you I would Spurn the offer, And yet I cannot Set the day the month or the year when I Shall be able to return but Still hope to see it Soon.
Monday eve. Jan 27th I meant to have written Some to you yesterday but did not get time I went to Church in the morning and in the afternoon I went over to hear Mr Taylor Preach again on the Plaza only a little way from our Store or just opposite: he preaches every Sundday Afternoon and has a Great number of hearers: I never Saw a more attentive Congregation then they are, and many of them are the hardest Subjects you ever Saw, or heard tell of. I rejoice to Know you are attentive and go regularly to Church; I often think it after all matters little how many years we live if we are only prepared to die and go home to Heaven at last, there we can rejoice over our troubles and trials here, and what is bitter then all besides we will never be Seperated there no cares of business no Sickness no pain all will be joy & rejoiceing. our early and much esteemed Friend Mr Stilwell is Sadly afflicted I felt as much Shocked at the New as I would to have heard that one of you were taken ill well my dear Boy his work is almost done, This comes right home to us Shall we So live as to meet him there. let us try and meet him there I am Sorry you did not See Killen, but Kellins going home did not effect me much, althrough his attention to me was very flattering, and when he left me he Kissed me Good bye, but there is this about Kellin he came out here a Methodist Preacher but but fell He made a fearful fall God help him he is a Smart business man and with all Very Schrude. Poor Kellin thought he made a great bargin in buying that land of me, and I told him not to get his Ideas up to high, after he bought it of me he called it his farm. had Kellin acted a Christian part while in this country I would have recommended him to you in the highest terms, but it was Otherwise. The Lot I bought of him I did not think much of but at that time there was considerable talk about preemption rights So I though I would get his right to it besides his Alcalde Grant, So you See my claim is to wit, the right of posesion and Alcalde Grant, and also a Search has been made by the Sub prefect and he certified that there is no Spanish Grant on that property if it Should be desided by the ledgislature in favour of preemption I expect to perchase it cheap. I dont Know how these Lot I

bought of Buckly will turn out. There is I am told Some inprovements going on out there, as I feel at presint I would Sell the Whole Very Cheap, but there is no chance at presint, however they may turn out well yet. you will Know before you get this letter what I have decided on doing in a business point or in going into business for myself, ----"

It is good to see that Abraham has finally learned to spell the word "business". He completed his letter Friday Evening, 31 January:

"Today has been a bussey day with us we have been engaged fitting up the Steamer Santa Clara it is a large job it will amount to near $1000. one thousand Dollars we shall make probably three Hundred on it we are doing Several Smaller jobs at the Store and altogeather we are doing quite well, Sales are dull but I think when Spring Sets in it will Brisk up. there is considerable excitement here in relation to the friquent Murders committed on citizen daily Stores are broken open, Safes are carried off in the business part of the day or at noon day, yesterday a man just over at Clark Point was Shot at twice and escaped both Shot, they however cought him and choked him & relieved him of $300. and then made off. I write you this thinking you may feel uneasy, I thought you would See a/c in New papers my partner Baker Sleeps in the Store as well as two of our men to protect the Place, I Sleep in my little House and Mr Buckleys Book Keeper and Mr Buckly Stop with me Buckley is well provided with Fire arms. we are very careful and I dont Apprehend any danger but it is good to Keep on a Good lookout I had occasion to be down town early a few day ago and who should I See but cousin Sam Messerve, (it was about 7 o,clk in the morning) He look as through he came down the north River on a Shingle he tells me that he had rather bad luck all Sumer but now there is a prospect of his doing well he has altered much I think for the better he likes the country very much. Theodore is well" 18 12

Abraham sent his brother, JOHN, another letter on 14 February 1851 5
but relatively little of it is sufficiently newsworthy to quote.
Of some interest is his statement:

"The News Men and Boys are crying out just under the window. Here's the New York Herold, Tribune, & Boston, commercial: it makes me feel as through I was quite near New York City,----"

We also hear a bit more news of the cousin Messerves:

"I saw cousin Ann Messerve Son a few days ago. he is well and and look in good health. Theodore has gone to Sacramento City but intends to return in a few days. He call on me a few day Since and told me that he intended to go to the mines Klmath Mines I could not feel Satisfied for him to Leave a Steady Situation to risk money and time on an uncertainty. I gave him my opinion in full but think he will not be advised by me So I do hope for the best, It is generally the case here if a young man is Successful why he grows wise in his own conceit. but no insinuations I expect Theodore will write his folks and let them know all about his Speckulations." 20,21 12

Two more paragraphs provide us with more details concerning his business, among which is a welcome recollection of an experience he had on his voyage to San Francisco about a year before:

"Baker, my Partner has been of to day trying to get the job of fitting up the Steamer confidence if we are Successful I have no doubt but we will make Something worth our trouble, I have a good opinion of this Steam Boat work, and am anxious to get into that Kind of work.----

I am just as full of business now as I used to be in John St. Manufacturing Artificial Flowers, but I am now putting men to work making curtains & Sewing Carpets I bessey myself Getting up the cornices & Selecting Tassels & Cord & Gimps etc etc what with Keeping the Book & attending to Sales in the Store I Keep imployed all day and Sometimes late at night.----

to day one year ago our Good Ship Senator cleared the Straits of Magellen where we came near a awful Lee Shore I Shall long remember that day & following & night"

In his next letter to JOHN of 13 July 1851 which also contains his reference to the riot by the Dutch in Hoboken, NJ and his concern for his mother's safety, Abraham treats us to some very interesting details about San Francisco: 5 2

"I Spent quite a happy fourth of July. Several Society's Marched in procession In the Morning I went to the Aniversary of the Schools held in Dr. Bonny Church I was very much Pleased it So remind me of New York in the Good Old day when I was a Scholar there was present on the occasion over three Hundred Children, and I never Saw a heather and altogeather a finer looking Children in my life, as many exhibions as I have witnessed So much for Young California In the Afternoon I went on the Plaza! there was an Oration given by Dr. Williams at 1 O,clk, we had a salute fired and day break on the Plaza and also at noon, in the evening I went to the Ladies Fair I thought of the Fair at Milford Pike Co. (PA) I Know you remember it, and do you remember to walk we (you & myself) took along by the De(l)aware River, my happies hours when I reflect upon Some of the events of my past life, in all of my reflections you appear to be a counterpart of myself I Know my Dear Brother I have been the cause of many anxious to you, and do deeply regret I have not been more Succesful in California but must Say for myself or in justice to myself that into whatever disappointments differcuttley or misfortues Since I left Home I have Stood up to them like a man I do not calculate about the future as much as I once did, I am living in one of the unfortunate City. San Francisco does appear to be a Doomed City I wrote you in my last letter Some of the Particulars of the last fire, last Friday there was another man Hung here by the Vigilance Committee, he was a Sidney Crimme a notorious Robber Jim Stewart. he made a confession which you will See by the papers I have not room to write the Particulars in this letter, the Vigilance Committee have done Great Good to this Community, they have driven many Criminals from our midst, and again I fear they may go to far. I do not Know what woud be consequence

if they come into Contak with the orthority of the State I would then fear the wost but it is my hope and prayer that things will become more perinent, we are getting a new County Jail built and then I think the committee will disband and get Settled under regular law and then have peace & harmony out of the Forty Thousand Inhabitants this city is beleived to contain Mr Taylor Said to night in Speaking of the wickedness of the City there is only about five Hundred persons belonging to Churches, or only five Hundred members registered. but I think take the people as a man and they are better much better then were here a year ago. only one year ago I was ridiculed for Scraching a gamblers name of a ticket I was about to vote. the people begin to See now who they must elect to responsable offices. even our judges here have been corrupt

I expect to Send this letter by John P. Half who returns home by this Steamer Tryoice he is enabled to join his family after so long an absence he has been faithful to them and from my heart I wish him a Safe return to his family"

Sometime after 31 July 1851, Abraham returned to New York from San Francisco. According to entries in his brother JOHN's diary, Abraham signed a co-partnership agreement with JOHN on 22 June 1852 which was witnessed by Elmore Thompson, Chauncey Thompson and William Edwin Messerve, his brother. Only two days later, on 24 June 1852, Abraham left New York City to return to San Francisco, this time accompanied by his brother, William, on the Cherokee "all in good spirits" 5 4 4

The first news we have of their arrival in San Francisco comes from a letter written by Abraham's mother from Hoboken, NJ, on 17 July 1852, to her son JOHN's bride, JULIA CLELAND, during their honeymoon through New York State: 2 5,22

"The Mail have arriv'd from California and a short letter from William and Abram" 4

JOHN gives us a capsule of history along with his reference to his brothers in his letter of 7 September 1852 to his wife, JULIA CLELAND, who was visiting her sister, Mary, in Madison, CT: 5 22 31

"William & Abram both well News from San Francisco via Nicauraugua only 23 days" 4

At "4 ock PM" the same day, JOHN wrote again to JULIA with more detailed news of Abraham and William: 5,22 4

"---- now I have some more (news) from Wm & Abram I received a letter from Wm by Express bearing date 14th Aug. he stated that he had been sick since the 2nd day that he had arrived, but was generally getting better, & assigns the cause to bil- 4

liousness. Abram had been very well till the dat he William 4
was writing Abram wrote me by mail which will not get here
in 4 or 5 days when he was similarly attacked with - vomit-
ing - & vomit up bile enough to supply two men & would be all
right in a day or two. - this news came by the Nicaragua
route only 23 days from sanfrancisco."

It is likely that Abraham terminated his co-partnership with Baker before his visit to New York but we have found no reference to the event. A brochure of the re-activated A. C. Messerve & Co. reproduced on the following page gives us an excellent description of the nature of the business, but the only news we have concerning the activities of the Company during the remaining months of 1852 come from impersonal receipts involving transactions from their New York office. Three of these are copied as follows:

"New York Oct 18th 1852 Rec'd of A. C. Messerve & Co their
two notes @ 7 months Oct 18th for Four hundred and 18/100 and
@ 6 months same date for Four hundred and eight 17/100 Dollars
and indorsed by JOHN J. MESSERVE in full for bill of Carpets, 5
above date
Sparkman & Kelsey
pr W. S. Carr"

"Rec'd New York October 27th 1852 from Messrs A C Messerve &
Co their note at 4 mos from Oct 26th for Two Hundred and Four-
teen 40/100 dollars in full for Bill of 22nd inst.
John Greaser"

"Rec'd New York 22 Nov 52 from A C Messerve & Co J. D. Mills
note 8 ny 19 Nov for One Thousand & Ten 9/100 Dollars in
Settles of Bill of Same date
Paton & Co"

The collection of receipts continues to 28 September 1855. The last one, written on a scrap of paper, is pasted on the last page of the receipt book so the date does not necessarily represent anything significant.

In an off-hand reference in a letter to JOHN JACOB MESSERVE in 5
New York City from his brother-in-law, ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD, 23
writing on 25 December 1852 from Athens, GA, ROBERT expresses
regrets over Abraham's misfortune with fire in San Francisco.

A week later, on 31 December 1852, we hear from Abraham, writing
from San Francisco, to his brother, JOHN. He maintains our sus- 5
pense concerning the fire through a long letter, relegating an
explanation to the last page:

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San Francisco, ... *1852.*

The undersigned have the pleasure of announcing to their Friends and former Patrons, that they have just returned from New York, where they have purchased a large stock of **PAPER HANGINGS** and **UPHOLSTERY GOODS,** *consisting of* Silk and Worsted Damask Curtain Materials, Tassels, Cord, &c., Window Shades, Carpeting, Oil Cloths, &c., &c.; *also a superior assortment of* MILLINERY GOODS, *comprising all the newest styles of* Straw Bonnets, Bonnet Material, Ribbons, Trimmings, &c.

The foregoing Goods having been bought for Cash and at the lowest market prices, we feel assured that we can offer our patrons inducements to patronize us, rarely met with. The goods are daily expected per the clipper ships "White Squall," "Atalanta," "Antelope," "Union," "Wm. H. Harbeck," and "Elvira Harbeck."

Rooms Clothed and Papered, and Carpets made and put down at the shortest notice, and on the most liberal terms.

All orders in our line will be executed with dispatch; and being thankful for past favors, we hope to merit a continuance of the same.

Respectfully, your obt. servts.,

A. C. MESSERVÉ & CO.

HARRISON'S Steam Press, 12 Ann street, N. Y.

"Your letter Hoboken Nov 14th and 15th came to hand Safe and I was Glad to See by your letter you appeared in good Spirits. althrought I cannot Say as much of myself at this moment, but I will let that pass just now and go on to answer your letter."

As Abraham's letter progresses, the respective roles of each brother in the conduct of the business is made clear:

"The Samples of paper you Sent by the post office I received all Safe, but in future you need not Send any Samples of paper I received the bills of Laden and policies of Insurance all Safe of the Damask but they I regret to Say did not come through with the Mail which caused little disappointment to me for I have liked to have them before Christmas, but this is not your fault. I am willing to wait with patient untill they do come for I think I shall do well with them. The Cheap paper you Speak of I wish you had purchased they would have Sold for a Large proffit and you could made a large Show for $50. fifty Dollars. As to Channey Thompson Coming to California with Millinery Good ie he might just as well come with nothing for Millinery Goods are worth about nothing in San Francisco just now. I have had a good deal of trouble with those of Thompson and also those of Mills and have not Sold them yet and don,t Know when I Shall you Speak about Thompson and his borrowing money of you etc you mention Something about his comming to California and perhaps with insinuating way would Sort of ring in on me. and he thinks he can do things a little better then any body Else. Well he may think So, but I Sorter think that A. C. Messerve is able to tell E. T. is to just come the Sucker game on Some one Else and not him, at the Same time I would do what I could to give him a lift. in regard to your affairs with him I hope you will come out all right in the end, as I think you are Competent to do all your business in New York, I Shall not trouble my head about it"

Abraham continues with more personal news and mentions the amusing confusion concerning his birth date referred to in the beginning of this account of Abraham's life:

"You mention your birth day in your letter well I did not forget it either and meant to have mentioned it in my letter at the time but Some how forgot it As to my own Birth Day I did not forget it I did not Know what day of the month I was born on Gran Marr Messerve Say it was on the 15th of September. and 6
Marr thought it 15th Oct. So you See how it Stands. I myself 2
think it is all right Somehow, and Suppose as a matter of corse I was born between the two months well it all right or I hope will be in the end. I only hope I was born Some time just to be like white folks you must Excuse this blunt way I have writing for I never felt less like writting in my life then I do now for I Know you must be Short in money matters. I cannot Send that Same by this mail but thought I had better send a few lines at all events but the last two week we have done no business to Speak of and it has rained all the time Excepting one or two days and it looks very Gloomy. our account from the up county are anything but pleasent for where the freshit has not

routed them the Snow has covered them all over or all under and
in Some places the Snow is 12 ft deep not 12 inches the place
where Sam Messerve was digging is is all Snowed under. I dont 18
Know where Sam is, for I have not heard from him in a long time
and for my part I never Saw it So dull in San Francisco as it
is now every thing Seem dull and dead and quiet you might
think it Sunday all the while. for the matter of that. the last
Shipments you have sent me are all good when they come I can
easily find the money for them etc but I Shall Keep along an
month or So longer and See which way the cat jumps for myself
I do not care. I would liked to have Given William a Situation 4
a little longer but I will See there is no use of my Keeping
on and paying Expenses and do nothing it wont ever do for me
I must Keep driving or lay down and go to Sleep. You need not
Say anything to Marr about this. in relation to your Seeing me 2
Soon. it appears to me New York never was So far off as now.
for if I Should give up business here I never would go to New
York you might hear of me in Sanwich Island or Some other
place which is only fifty days Sail from here. It Seem my lot
to meet wit disasters, for I just had that Store fitted up to
Suit me and paint was hardly dry, when that fire came bursting
upon me, and, now I have got a fine Store and there is nothing
a doing well it is all right ----"

Most of Abraham's next letter to JOHN dated 14 January 1853 con- 5
cerns business matters in uninteresting detail but some portions
are worth quoting. We continue to follow the operations of the
co-partnership but there is no mention as to whether William is 4
still working for the Company:

"Your letter dated Dec. 5th was duly received"

This certainly reflects a considerable improvement in mail service since 1850. More excerpts follow:

"The Cauldrons Shipped on board the W. H. Harbeck I had no bill
of Laden, but I got them all Safe. They came to late for my use
for I had already provided myself with one. I think I can Sell
them for at least what they cost. The Rose I received Safely
and was much pleased etc. that is right take good Care of the
Garden. I was Surprized to at W. J. Messerve backing down on 14
coming to California for I made calculations of his being here
Sure. and I Spoke for a Situation for him in the times & trans-
cript office.---- The Alvira Harbeck arrived ---- and the goods
of E. Thompson are in quite good order. I mean in very good or-
der considering a passage of 208 Days She came in under gener-
al average having been dismasted ---- as to the Oil Cloth from
Sparksman & Kelly I dont think it got here in bad order because
they S & K I beieve are either to mean or dont Know enough to
put wrapping paper between the cloth. I saw Some a few days ago
put up by Hoyt & ambro or Ambro & Hoyt ---- the Cloth had paper
put between to Keep it from Sticking if this last lot which
they have Sent does not get here in good order I Shall write
for no more oil cloth from them. Sending Some Gilt Cornices
from Feilders a cross the Isthmus is as Good Idea for that Gilt
Stock packed properly can get out here with a light cost. ----
It is however a poore Idea about Greasons Sending Shades per

Ithmus, for Shades are not the regular Stock here like Damask paper carpet etc but I like a fair Stock of them on hand for when we sell them they make a good profit. So out of two hits you made one good one. Gilt Stuff and one _____ In relation to my posting you up better about goods, I Know I might have written perhaps more particulars about goods, but Suppose I had written my orders discribing the goods and told you to go and pick up what you thought best for our trade here in quntity & Quality and told you what my Sales were. Now up to this time I am perfectly Satisfied with all I have ordered and what you have sent would it have been as well the other way. all is well that ends well. The order of Paton & Co laid (of Silk Damask) over in New York two weeks. I got them yesterday all Safe, I like the Patern which Mr Mills and you picked out very much it will Sell well I think. I am now thankful to Say things with me look Somewhat bighter then when I last wrote you. I have Succeeded in renting out my loft over the Store for $150. per month commencing 7th January. it cost me $150. for alterations but it does not interfere with my Store at all, as I Said before it is as fine a Store as you can find in town The Golden City arrived on the 7th Jan. 116 Days from New York. fast Ship and I was very Glad to See her ---- I understood in the Second letter you wrote me you would or did have $1300. on hand which you would of corse put in the business."

William wrote to JULIA CLELAND on 30 January 1853 (misdated 1852): 4,22

"Abram is well, and, with Chancey Thompson, has gone to church"

On 28 February 1853, Abraham writes again to his brother, JOHN: 5

"----I Should have Sent more money by this mail but I Saw an oppitunity to buy a lot of carpets just arrived for which I paid 65¢ Sixty five cents for and they would cost in New York 80¢ Eighty cents without freight and other Expenses and the time to get them here the Store never looked better then it does at the present time and if J.J.M. was here he would not be 5
ashamed to be call one of the Firm I had me a good Stock and ought to do well we Shall See What We Shall See In answer to your letter I dont Know whither I can Send five Hundred Dollars per month, but think I can ---- you want to have the consern to be a great firm A C Messerve & Co but I would rather have it Messerve & Brother but I am Satisfied it was your propisition and I Shall do my part to make it a firm what is a firm ----

In your letter you Say if I had properly posted you up you could have sent me more goods etc and that you are liable for my debts in answer to this I have only to Say if you had done So namely Sent me one or two thousand Dolls worth of good I would have had them on hand now, you may think as you please, but I am Satisfied that things have turned out most Excellent. as to your being responsible for my notes I always Shall have on Hand at least three thousand Dollars besides paying our notes, even if the good are Sold at auction here, and you need not give yourself any uneasyness on that account, if you See any good oppitunity to go into a Speck go in I am with you, but remember up to this time my judgement has been correct in every Particular and I have written you the right Kind of orders ----

MILLINERY,
SILK AND STRAW GOODS,
PAPER HANGINGS,
OIL CLOTH,
Tapestry, Brussels, Three-ply, and Ingrain
CARPETINGS,
Silk and Worsted
CURTAIN MATERIALS,
WINDOW SHADES,
And a general assortment of
Upholstery Articles,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
Rooms Papered with dispatch,
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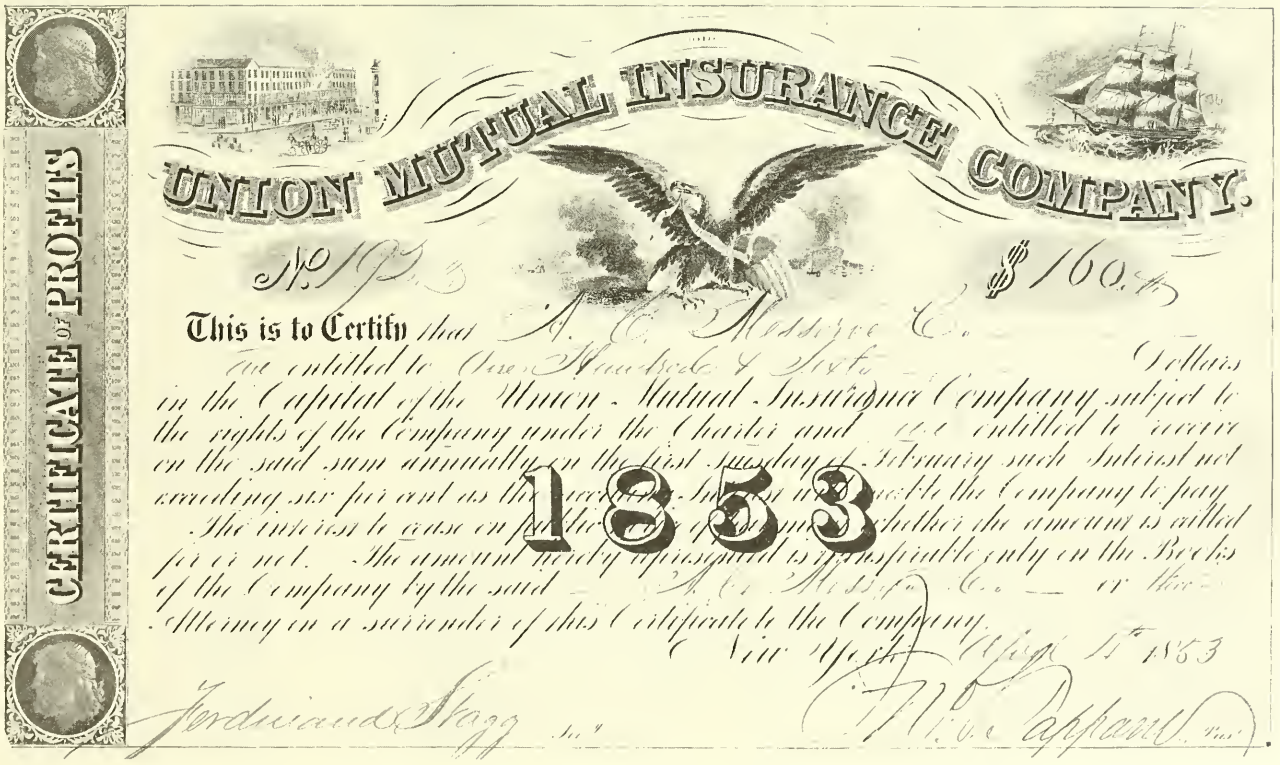

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Abraham added another sheet to his letter that evening, primarily to order some Gilt Eagles but also adds some bits of news:

"---- Since I wrote the above there occured a larm of fire. I being one of the Delegates to the Department I was obliged to go, but it proved to be thank fortune only a faulse alarm. ---- William has sent you Several News Papers by this mail I hope you will find them interesting. ----"

Although Abraham mentions William he does not indicate whether he is still working for A. C. Messerve & Company or is with another firm. Abraham's next latter to JOHN on 11 March 1853 was devoted entirely to business matters of little interest to us and did not mention William at all. Even though we hear from William directly in his letter of 13 March 1853 to his maternal grandmother, PHOEBE JOHNSON, he tells us nothing about his work: 4 4 24

"Abram and myself are well"

A bit of tension between Abraham and JOHN is reflected in his next letter to New York on 14 March 1853 which we shall read. Most of the letter was confined to comments concerning products and suppliers: 5

"---- you Say my letter was dated 31st and post marked 1st I dont Know what you mean unless you think I do not write up to the latest moment. if So, I will put you to rights I never put your letters in untill within an hour or two of the mail closeing, and I can Say I never have been to late with one of my letters to you. Can you Say the Same. the mail closes 10 0,clk p.m. 31st and the Steamer Sails 7 0,clk a.m. on morning of the first. you Say my letter caused you to feel rather Blue I wish I could Say I only felt rather Blue when I wrote it but I will not Say more on this Subject, as things begin to look better and I am in hopes we Shall yet get payed for all our differculties, but it is not very encourageing when a fellow has been Knee deep in mud with a wheel on his back and is just got on hard ground and then receives a letter from his Brother Saying: "Put your Shoulder to the wheel."

Abraham ends his letter in a more friendly manner:

"I have been thinking Seriously of Starting a consern in Sacramento City. I putting one third of the capital and have two other in with me who put in the Same, fix up the copartnership in Something of that Shape, to be a branch of A.C.Messerve & Co of San Francisco Channey for one partner and a young man who is now with me for the other his name is N.P.Potter, a active practical paper Hanger -- what think you, write in your next."

Unfortunately, Abraham stopped writing newsworthy letters. Both of his next letters dated 15 March 1853 and 31 May 1853 contain only business matters and nothing worth quoting. From two letters dated 15 August 1853, one sent by mail and the other by express, only one bit of news is interesting:

"The Clipper Ship Fly Cloud arrived here last Friday the 12th

inst in 105 day from New York (a fine passage)"

For the first time, in his letter of 31 August 1853 to JOHN, Abraham shows the depths of his concern over business conditions by mentioning, whether he is serious or not, the thought of giving up his business. A veil of tension still seems to cloud the relationship between the two brothers: 5

"Your letters by mail and Express were duly received, dated July 17th and 20th I see by these letters that you ought to get from me by this mail $250. or $300. but I Shall not be able to Send you any draft at all. for business the last two weeks has been very dull, and there is always a little Stock here which I must buy for cash and have to pay the ready cash for the Same in order to carry on business.---- I wonder you did not Ship more goods from one House when you were Shipping those goods by Flying Cloud for I Know you could have made more then fifty dollars thereby for you Know when you Send a Small Case or package down they(the Ship) never measure it by the Cibit feet but generally call it So much and always make themselves on the Safe Side ---- ever Since I have been in the business, paper is the Stock I think we ought to look out for, althrough it has been exceedingly dull for the last Six month yet it Stands a good chance to come up, even now when we Sell it we get 50 and 100 per cent profit. but take our business altogeather I feel more like giving it up entirely then doing anything else, for I could have made more money ten times out of it this last year then I have made in it, that is if I have made anything. I have been trying my best the last week to get the Job to fit up the Stockton Theatre one of the partners promised me today that he would give it me but I cannot even depend on it yet, but if I get it am in hopes to make Something by using my Stock on Hand. I could not Sell him any of that Fancy Plush but I Shall try to Sell Some of it for the top of counters in Bar Room, drinking Saloons I will do all I can to get it off, but dont Send me any more of this Fancy Stuff, and you had better not Send me any more goods without I order them as the market Still continues over Stocked"

It is hard to believe Abraham's statement as he begins his letter to JOHN dated 15 September 1853: 5

"I am in receipt of your letter dated Sept. 5th"

The rest of the letter consists of a critique, item by item, favorable and unfavorable, of the goods shipped to him by JOHN and a long explanation of why he changed his account from one bank to another. His non-business news was only:

"I have not heard from Theodore Since I last wrote." 12

and:

"The Clipper Ship Invincible arrived here last week in one Hundred and ten days from New York"

An index of progress is apparent in Abraham's first line of his next letter to JOHN on 29 September 1853: 5

"Your letter dated Sept. 20th was received Safely"

It took only nine days. The rest of his letter we shall read in its entirety; a change in content reflecting Abraham's struggle for success:

"I cannot See exactly what you refer to in this letter, but perhaps I complained to much to you the dulness of business, but I never thought you urged me to go to California the Second time I always thought you was rather against it and I can Say for myself I do not regret that I acted as I have in comming out here the Second time, but I do feel rather disappointed that it has not turned out So far more profatable then it has, its to my health you Know I was rather complaining, when I first left New York in /49 - as you must Know as we get older we do not generally gain much in Strenth. as to my comming to New York and live on ten or twelve Dollars per week, I can only Say, I hope you will live to a good old age, but you will never live to See A. C. Messerve a clerk in New York City for the Sum of $500. per year. as to the purches you have made, I most certainly believe you did your best and under the circumstances I do not believe you could have done better and it is almost impossible for me to give you all the ins and outs of business here So that you may buy to more atvantage for I believe you must learn by experience for it is hard to Say myself what I want untill I learn. Therefore if I were in New York I dont Know that I could under the circumstances have done better, So I want you to Know the fact that I do not attach anything to blame you at all for I Know you have done your best, and no mistake, but there a little business which want to State to you I have had Several conversation with Frank Baker Since I have been back here and he has always regretted that we had disolved copartnership and he has Said if we had Stuck togeather we would have done So much better, and I believe we could do a large business if we were in copartnership. He is now married and is more Steady then ever and he wants me me with him, what do you think of our joining our conserns togeather we are now continually cutting down each others prices, and I now have to Sell much cheaper in order to compete with him but if we were in one consern we could Keep up our prices better, I think Something of going into partnership with him or taking a partner to give me more capital what do you think on this Subject, write me in your next what you think of this, and I suppose it will be necessary for you to Sell me your Share to give me full power to act for you. your Share is one third. I want to make my capital Should I go in with Baker $10,000. ten thousand Dollars. you must help me therefore to this end I want to be working for Something and do not want to be working for nothing. if I had Sold out our Stock on my first arrival here and had invested our capital in real estate we Should have been worth much more at the present time then we are"

Nothing in Abraham's letter of 12 January 1854 would indicate that any change in the structure of his business was accomplished. It does appear that his frustration over his business problems is developing into a somewhat unpleasant cynical attitude:

"Your letter by Express dated Decr. 5th I received Safely but up to this I have not got your letters by mail. oweing to the loss of the Windfield Scott, the Steamer California will be detained. I think and hope She will get in before this mail closes. I received the Canopy Holders all Safe by Express. up to this time as I have not received your letter by mail, I cannot Say whither you was Blue when you wrote them or not, as I dont feel in Very high Spirits I Should like to See what they contain, but you need not fear thier effects upon me, for I have got So hardened that I can Stand almost anything. I was pleased to hear of the improvements at Hoboken, for when I think of Home I think not only of the Cottage but the whole of Hoboken and I almost think I See Sancho looking out of the gate as I walk up from the boat but, Ah! those days are gone, never to return. I was pleased that Mar, continued in good heath and Spirits, and likes Hoboken. When I hear Such encourageing account from home I feel I could Stay here for the next ten years but I own I have not received very encourageing receipts for my last years labour but then California altogeather has not been a great enemy to me and has I think done more for me then New York would. but I do not want to Cast any reflections on the old town, for I would much rather live there then here. 2

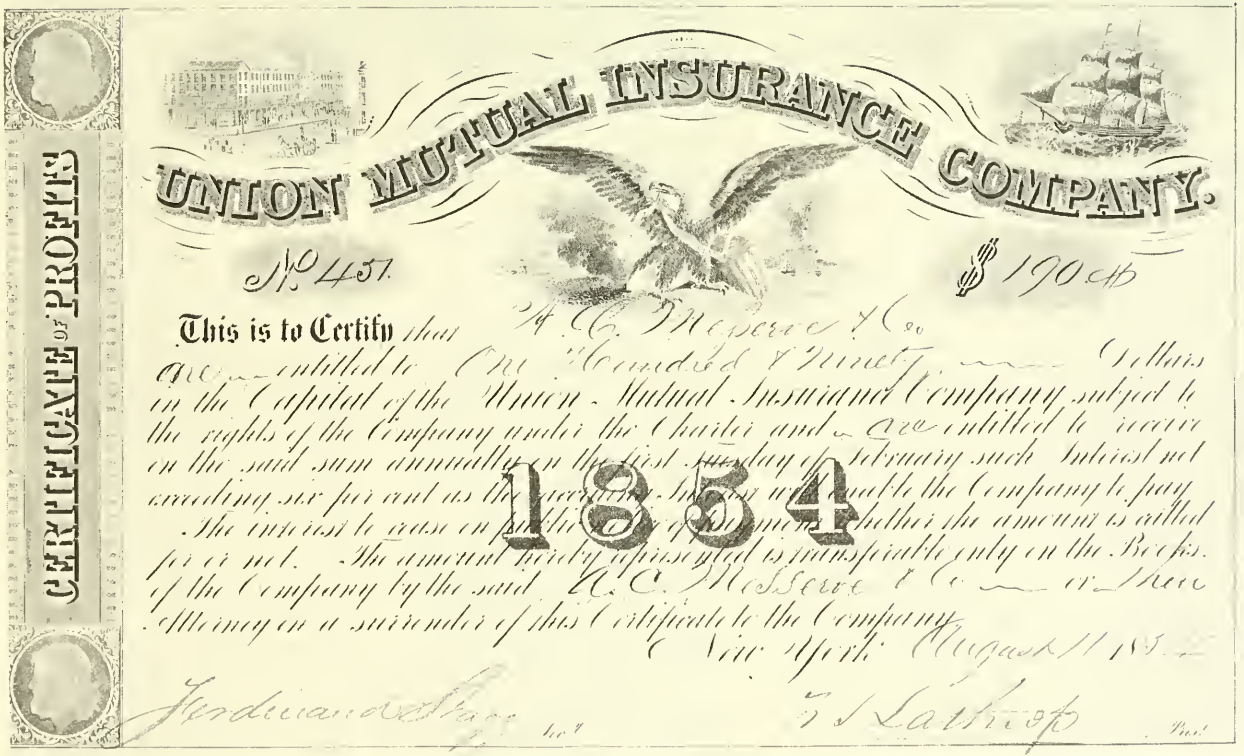
Jan 14th. I received your letter by mail but cannot answer that in this letter but will write a long letter and Send it by Express I was pleased with JULIA's letter but I feel I cannot answer it before next mail. business has been Very dull the last two weaks and it is Very hard to collect money it I think is as bad as it use to be in New York, but we have had rain the last two or three days which will give the miners a chance to work their Claims, and make money easier in San Francisco enclosed I send a draft for One thousand $1000." 22

Abraham's reference to his "mighty Small anticipation" of marriage, in his letter to JOHN dated 28 January 1854, is interesting in that it implies that he has no one in mind and that, at the age of 39, his prospects are getting dimmer: 5

"Today has been a very dull day in our business. this evening I thought I would improve the time by writing you. your letter by last mail is a pritty hard one to answer. but as I only want to do only what is wright by you, I Suppose I need not draw back. perhaps I have injured your Credit in New York, for which I am willing to make amends and want you to do what you deem best for your own interest, without regard to me, as you have a wife and family comming on, I have "none" (and a mighty Small anticipation of any) I own my business operations for the last year in California or my last advent here has been rather a failure as far as making money is conserned. and I would not have continued business up to this time but thought it would improve after awhile. but as to yourself I am able to make you entirely Secure, and the trouble which you have had a good Share of I intend fully to pay you for, as for as regards the 22

family. I am willing to contribute to "Mars Support $600. per year. I have little fear about myself as I believe I can make a living here I will just Say in relation to William in the first place I did not want him to come out here at all for my benefit but for his own. but he appears to think otherwise, although I told him So in New York. and appears Very anxious to get away from San Francisco, and yet I dont See but San Francisco has done better by him then New York ever did, for Since he has been here he ought to have Save free of his expenses "Home" from $1000. to twelve Hundred Dollars, did he ever do that in the Same time in New York and yet He thinks San Francisco is a poore place and is agoing to bust and brake and go to nothing. well he will find a difference when he gets into New York again. as far as I am conserned I am Glad he concluded to go now, as he appears to be tired of San Francisco and anxious about Seeing Ann, and how can I blaim him, She is his "wife" and an wife Comes before a Brother I can Say I always have done my best by him in California, unless it interfered to much with my business. which is absolutely my duty to look out for. I beleive He has done all he could to further our interests which I give him full credit for. Sometimes perhaps I have been to hard with Him, oweing, to the many difficulties which I have to contend against but I can Say from my heart I freely forgive him all, no matter what he has Said and I do wish when he arrives Home he may be happy. 2 4 16

Sunday January 29th 1854 I have just returned from the Bethel Chuch where I heard the Bishop, who has just arrived here from the East. I like him Very much, and I believe him to be a great man, he took his text from the 24th chapter of luke. I wish you could have heard the Sermon he preached from that text, for he preach the Gospel "free" to all, and I claim it for you William as well as "Mar" AMANDA JULIA & Ann and Shall we all meet in "Heaven" where we Shall be forever at "rest" what a blissful hope is this, that there is a day when we Shall not be Seperated, but injoy the Society of those we love, forever. can we not in that day rejoice over the trials & temptations which we have to contend against in this world, and perhaps rejoice that we had them, but perhaps I tire you with this Subject. I will therefore go on to answer other parts of your letter. I beleive I forgot to mention in my last to you, that in the bills receivable, I put the filbert Street House at $1000. and in relation to the Insurence I omited to State that I occupy the whole building except the Basement, which is used for Storage for Stoves etc, you must deside whither to get the Insurence encreased to $10,000. or not, you ought to get it lower now then the last time as the premiums are lower then they were, I think you had better get it only for Six months, as I may move or give up business by that time, as I feel Very discouraged about business just now for I never new it to be So dull as at the present time and money Seems So Very tight, but do as you think best and I am perfectly Satisfied. Channey Thompson Still Continues with me, I am much pleased with the new young which I have ingaged lately, he Seems to be Very active and does all he can to urge the business onward. ---- Buckly is well and getting rich fast---- " 5,4 2,3 22,16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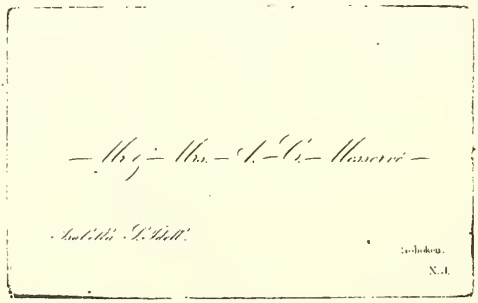
We hear nothing from or about Abraham for nearly six months until we read his letter to JOHN written in San Francisco on 10 June 1854 and this was entirely on business matters of little interest to us. Unfortunately, too, this is the last news in his hand that we have found. Apparently, Abraham returned to New York sometime after June, 1854, met, and married Isabella L. Idell in contradiction to his prediction early that year that he had "mighty Small anticipation" of such an event. According to their calling card, "home" was in Hoboken, NJ; on one card was written 71 Hudson Street:



At the end of the year, we know that his company was still in operation from a business letter addressed to A. C. Messerve & Co., 106 Chamber St., NY, on 16 December 1854 from J. R. Bigelow & Co. of Boston, MA, concerning a shipment being sent to California and from a draft of an answer written from New York on 28 December 1854. The answer may be in Abraham's handwriting but there are many differences from his usual letter forms and in particular, the correct spelling of "Lading". We learn from his bride, Belle, in her letter written to her sister in-law, JULIA CLELAND, on what appears to be 16 December 1854, that she and Abraham have returned to San Francisco. Her statement in the first line that they have received a letter from JULIA dated 4 January indicates one of the dates must be in error:

"My Dear Sister

We recieved your letter dated Jan 4th and was very much plased to hear from you and to hear that you were all well, but sorry to hear that Ma feels so badly about us tel her she must not not think about our having left but forget that and think only of our return which I trust will not be long, and then we are both enjoying such good health, indeed I do not see how we can do otherwise for we have the most spleanded country the most briliant sun the handsomest sky the softest and most lovely moonlight evenings and the most magnifficent weather I ever new or heard tell of, why JULIA it is a paradice compared to new York only just think this time of the year when the Ladies are (that is with you) obliged to rap up in large cloaks and fures and then almost perish, the Ladies here promanade in muslin dresses lace mantels and crape hats and feel uncomfortablely warm in them.

You ask me to tell you how I enjoyed the voyage, I can only answer very much indeed we had a very fine weather indeed not a single storm and not one riany day on either side, the Atalantic was a little turbulent for two or three days, but the Pacific was very calm indeed the gulf of Jehuan Lefree was quite rough but it did not affect me much for we crossed it in the night, but I was a little sick the morning we entered the gulf of Calafornia though not enough to make me loose my breakfast. I with you must acknowledge that it is impossiable to express my feelings while floating on the bosom of the mighty deep at times while siting on deck thinking of home and those left behind, and contrasting their situation with mine a feeling of aw would creep over me and make me (as you say) feel my own littleness and the ship which but laitly seemed so large and powerfull now appeared as but a speck upon the ocean which might easily be swallowed up in the dark cold elements upon which she was floating so rappidly and gracefully, but I did not always feel so for at times paticularly at sun set on the Pacific I felt a quiet joyfull feeling take pisession of my heart this feeling I cannot discribe, I can only liken it to religen which is better felt than told, (for I as you see am nether a pennsman nor composer) at such times my husband was with me and I felt very happy and contented.

I have written to my Ma and sisters and I suppose they have told you that we are boardin with Mrs Vandaveer, we have very fine accomodations and I have evey thing one kneed wish for in this world Mrs V. is a large fine looking person, very cheerful indeed she has a smile and a kind word for all, she is also a vey smart woman for she has a large house and a larger family to care for and look after, I think there are fourty two rooms in the house and there are some fifty six boarders all gentlemen excepting five ladies two of whome are Jeweses and two Irish and Cathlics making me the only american prodistant lady in the house with the excepton of Messers Vandaveer and Hogden. I must begin to think of closing, for the dinner bell has rung, and it is getting late and I must finish it so Abraham can take it with him after dinner. you please kiss ma 2
and little Maggie for me give my love to AMANDA ROBERT William and Ann and Ma and all of my folks and tell then that I 26,8,23 4,16
will write them next time. Tell Ma Messerve that one of Abra- 2
hams tenants sent me a couple of rose bushes and we named one after her and one after Ma Idell, till my folks to give my love to Aunt Rosey and Lydia green and all the rest.

I am as ever your affectionate sister

Belle"

A year and a half later we hear Abraham and Belle are still in San Francisco and have a son from a letter written to him from 27
his brother, William, in Hoboken on 20 July 1856: 4

"I received you letter and accompanying prints of Casey, Cora, etc. and the seal of Your Vigilance committee - the seal Speaks for itself, a watchful eye is all San Francisco wants to maintain a good government - the which I hope you may obtain. The

news from San Francisco has been looked for with the liveliest interest since the operation of the Vigilance Committee commenced. I go it Strong for the Committee - I like that way of giving Justice to the Scoundrels who are living on the honest labors of the community. I would like to see such Justice given to some of the New York rowdys.

I see the name of Gallagher among the names of the transported rascals - is he the Gallagher who used to keep a drinking Saloon on Pacific Wharf, and live at Contra Costa - if you remember we used to do a considerable work for him. I do not remember to have known any of them but C. P. Duane. I hope the Committee will go ahead, and purge the community all the villains that they can lay their hands upon - So mote it be!

You say business is very dull in San Francisco, I can see that myself, when I see you flooded with so large a number of Clippers as was Reported by the last Mail. But you must bide your time, and see the play out, who knows. ----

How does Isabella manage to keep the villanous fleas keep from eating the little fellow up? And how does she get along with the animals herself."

It appears that the fleas won. On 27 November 1856, we hear from JOHN JACOB MESSERVE writing from Rochester, NY, during a business trip to his wife that Belle and her son are on their way back to Hoboken. 5 22,27

"So Belle is on her way home and probably at home by the time you receive this, well I am sorry I am not on hand to bid her welcome & help carry her and the little Californian ashore but she must take the will for the deed. I was quite surprised to hear of her coming so soon. I hope it will be all for the best but I am afraid it will not be." 27

We do not know when or how Abraham disposed of his business in San Francisco or when he returned to the East. A clue is found in a letter from his mother written a year and a half later from Hoboken, NJ, on 30 May 1858 to JULIA CLELAND who was visiting her sister in Madison, CT: 2 22

"We got our letters from Abram on Friday he says he is better than when he Wrote last but does not know when he will come home poor Belle how dispointed, she thought perhaps he wou'd come in this steemer she was hear this afternoon"

Another paragraph in the same letter gives us cause to wonder whether "this steemer" relates to a more local trip than from California:

"I do not expect to meet my Friends on my biruth day as JOHN is away and Abram will not be hear and I will put it off untill they get home" 5

Weight to this theory is given by the presence of his signature on a Protest in the Town of Bedford, Westchester County, NY, dated 11 February 1858. A copy follows on the next page.

It is certain that Abraham and his family lived with his mother on a farm she referred to as "Bedford Hill Country". One letter from there dated 29 July but without the year was written to JULIA CLELAND in which she says: 2 22

"Bell sends kind love to you and says you must not dispoint us this time"

On 9 April 1860, DEBORAH, in another letter from Bedford Hill Country to JULIA CLELAND wrote: 2 22

"I can say we have paid all debits but the Inrest and that I want Abram to pay befor we go down-----

Abram & Bell thank you for your kind inventation to your home"

Finally, on 17 April 1860, Abraham signed as a witness, an agreement, of which a photocopy follows on the next page, concerning the lease of the farm.

There is no explanation as to why Abraham's attempt at farming was of such short duration nor why we never hear from or about him again. Although a number of letters written by his mother exist between 1860 and her death in November 1870, she made no mention of him, Belle or their children but did refer to her three other children, JOHN, AMANDA and William, and their families. The single reference by William on 2 December 1868, writing from Ridgewood, NJ to JOHN to a visit by Belle and her two boys is the only news of them we have. Not even the birth of the second son seems to have aroused a comment by any friend or relative: 2 5,8,4 25

"Belle leaves here this week and takes both of her boys with her"

Abraham died, presumably early in July 1870, and was buried in Bay View Cemetery, Jersey City, NJ.

Twenty three years pass by before we hear again from Belle writing from Crosswicks, NJ, in a letter to JULIA CLELAND dated 18 March, 1893: 22

"I am with an old friend helping her nurse her old Father ---- I have been here three weeks today, think I will stay untill the 1st of April if the old gentleman lasts that long. I have been wondering how you have stood this good old fashioned winter, it has been severe on me. I have coughed almost ever since I saw you. Has there been anything done with Wills estate yet? I have herd nothing from it so far, I need the money so much, I would like to get Albert some clothes this spring if I could. 4 27

I recieved a letter from Adeline some time ago: it was well we did not go up there for she had sold out and moved away some little time befor. She sent me her address but I do not remember it now.

Bedford February 11, 1858.

We, the undersigned, residents of the town of Bedford from certain circumstances that have occured, are of opinion that our safety and comfort require the removal of a Colored Man named William Richards, now residing in our neighborhood, and we engage to cooperate with Mr. Messerve in any judicious plan he may devise to effect that object.

A. S. Messervé
James Cole
Peter T. Clark
John W. Hood
Lemuel Morris

John J. Messervé
Stephen L. Raymond
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David Green
Stephen Green

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Bedford hill Westcounty
New York April Eight
1860

Know all men by these present that I Aaron Barrett party of the first part doth enter into agreement with D. B. Messerve party of the second part. To wit. I take part of the Farm on shares such as cutting grass cradling Rye, as can be (it) agreed upon betwene us, and do also agree to Hire and rent the out buildings Garden the land around the House with Roadway to with priviledge of Pond for the sum of $40.00 Forty dollars From the party of second part agrees to give the party of first part peaceable possesion of the above written, togather with the part of Dwelling House that have been agreed upon and also for the term of Eight Months. Rent payable sixty 60 Days in advance) Commencing April 15th and expires December 15th 1860. In Witness were of we have hereunto set our hand and seal this seventeenth day of April AD 1860

Witness } Aaron P Barrett
A. C. Messerve } D. B. Messerve

Please let me know as soon as there is anything done with W's 4
place.

Sister Jo has been quite ailing this winter. but is much better
now, she asked after you

Write soon, if after the 1st of Apr then to Fred's office, 111 25
No. 15th St., Philadelphia."

About a year later, on 7 March 1894, Julia Barron Maynard, writ- 28
ing from Atlanta, GA, to JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE in North Haledon, 29
NJ, mentioned Belle and her boys:

"I don't know what Aunt Belle and her boys have written on the
subject and care less, but it is perfectly natural that any one
who has any prospect in the shape of finances coming to them
they would like to know what they are to have"

The final news we have from Belle was written from Cynwyd (Phila- 26
delphia), PA on 13 May 1894 to "Nieces", presumably Maggie and 29
JULIA:

"I arrived at home about four oclock, safe and sound, but a very
tired old Lady.----

Fred came out on the same train but I did not know it until we 25
got off at the station.----

I have spent this whole morning hunting up business papers in
order to make out some bills for Father's estate. I noticed in
that paper we got at the serogates office that AMANDA claimed 8
$50.00 for expenses. what right had she to have her expenses
paid out of the estate?

The boys were delighted to see me. especially Harry I found 30
him suffering very much from broken ribs"

1.	JACOB MESSERVE	5;5-3( )	father
2	DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER	19;5-1(4)	mother
3	WILLIAM CREEMER	19;6-2( )	maternal grand-father
4	William Edwin Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(2)	brother
5	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	brother
6		37;6-1( )	paternal grand-mother
7	John Leveridge	H19;6-2( ),5(5)	maternal aunt Adeline's husband
8	AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	5 & 9;4-1(3)	sister
9	Joseph P. Pirsson	H19;6-2( ),5(2)	maternal aunt Mary's husband
10	Mary Creemer	19;6-2( ),5(2)	maternal aunt
11	Adeline Creemer	19;6-2( ),5(5)	maternal aunt
12	Theodore		
13	Frank		
14	William J. Messerve		cousin
15	A		aunt
16	Ann Griffith	W5;5-3( ),4(2)	brother William's wife
17	William H. Creemer	19;6-2( ),5(8),4(1)	cousin
18	Samuel Messerve		cousin
19	Hanahette		
20	Ann		cousin
21			first cousin(son of Ann) once removed
22	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	brother JOHN's wife
23	ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;4-4(9)	sister AMANDA's husband
24	PHOEBE JOHNSON	38;6-1(2)	maternal grand-mother
25	Fred W. Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1),3(2)	son
26	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	brother JOHN's daughter (niece)
27	Albert Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1),3(1)	son
28	Julia Barron Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(4)	sister AMANDA's daughter (niece)
29	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	brother JOHN's daughter (niece)
30	Harry Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1),3(3)	son
31	Mary Hattrick Cleland	10;5-2( ).4(2)	JULIA CLELAND's sister
32	Augusta Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(0)	sister

Affectionately Your
A. C. Messerve

I am as ever your affectionate
sister Belle

5;5-3( ),4(2)
William Edwin Messerve
b. 26 May 1816 Woodbridge, NJ

age 31
d. 25 Jan 1892 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 75 Paterson, NJ

Ann Griffith
b.

m. 26 Jun 1847
age

d.
age

William Edwin Messerve 5;5-3( ),4(2) Ann Griffith

WILLIAM CREEMER, writing on 3 June 1816, from Woodbridge, NJ, to JACOB MESSERVE in Savannah, GA, implies that DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER was in Woodbridge for the birth of her third child, William, on 26 May 1816: 1 2,3

"We have our health - even down to little William Edwin Messerve"

It appears, too, from a letter written to JACOB in Savannah by John Leveridge in New York on 29 May 1817, nearly a year later, that William is still in the north with his mother and older brother, Abraham: 2 5 3 4

"Mrs M. informs me you intend remaining at Savannah during the Summer." 3

but John's next letter dated 11 October 1817 to JACOB informs us that they are sailing for Savannah for a reunion after a separation of about two years: 5,2

"We are all well. Your Wife will inform you particulars. Wishing them a Safe & prosperous Passage" 3

John wrote again on 21 August 1818 to JACOB giving us evidence that our family are still together in Savannah: 5,2

"Adeline will write to Mrs M. in a few days" 6

and in his next dated 22 September 1818 with welcome news:

"I congratulate you on an acession to your family & hope this will find the Mother & Daughter enjoying good health" 3,7

Joseph P. Pirsson confirms that DEBORAH and her four children are still in Savannah in his letter to JACOB on 27 March 1819: 8,3,4,7 34,2

"I hope Sister DEBORAH & all your family are well. It is now getting pretty numerous as I understand" 3

Sometime in midyear of 1819, DEBORAH and the four children left JACOB again in Savannah and returned north to her father's home in Woodbridge according to the next letter from Joseph to JACOB dated 20 October 1819: 3,4,7 34,2,1 8,2

"DEBORAH is well but very uneasy on account of the fever at Savannah: She has not rec'd a letter from you for a month past. Your little ones are all well. ---- DEBORAH intends writing" 3 4,7

Our family is still separated according to John Leveridge in his letter to JACOB in Savannah of 14 February 1820: 5 2

"Mrs M. & Children are well." 3,4,7

and continuing at least to 5 January 1821. This is revealed by Joseph P. Pirsson writing from Lexington, Scott County, Indianna on that date to JACOB in Savannah. Since Joseph's wife and children remain in Woodbridge, NJ, it is likely that she would pass 8 2,8,9

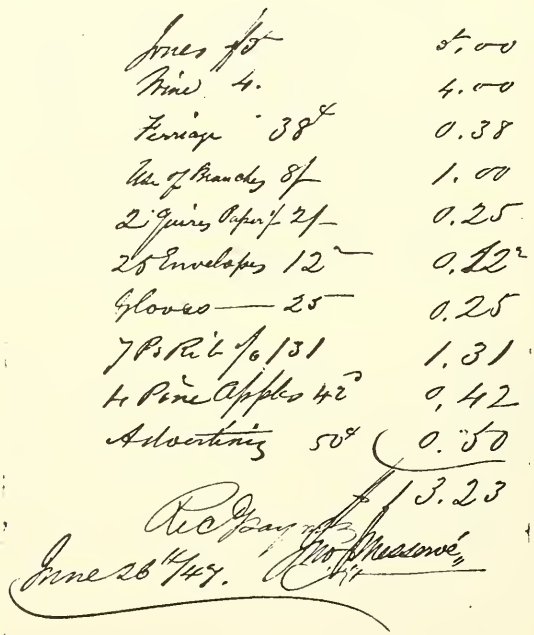
along reasonably current news of DEBORAH and JACOB: 3,2

"I understand your family are still at Woodbridge"

Sometime before February of 1822, DEBORAH returned to JACOB in Savannah and apparently with her two boys but leaving her two daughters behind in Woodbridge with their grandfather. This may be interpreted from WILLIAM's letter to JACOB on 16 July 1822. The fifth and last child of DEBORAH and JACOB, JOHN JACOB MESSERVE, will be born in Savannah on 14 November 1822: 3,2 4 7,34,1 1,2 3,2,10

"Now for the Babes - Agusta has again got the Ague evry other day - but in hopes She is geting the better of it, She takes a very powerful Bitter, that helps her, AMANDA is very hearty - She realy thought Adeline was her Ma. but we put her in mind her Pa & Ma is in Savannah they were much delighted with their fine & pretty things." 34 7 6,3 2,3

We do not know when William returned to the North. The only information we have concerning his marriage to Ann Griffith is on the receipt signed by his brother, JOHN, on 26 June 1847, on the back of which was noted that the items were used for William's wedding: 10



A receipt dated 8 June 1847 indicates that a business relationship exists between William and his brother Abraham in A. C. Messerve & Company. It also gives evidence that William is living in Hoboken, NJ: 4

"Received Hoboken June 8 1847 from Messrs A. C. Messerve & Co One Hundred and Seventy four 07/100 Dollars in full of all demands of my Interest in the buisness of A. C. Messerve & Co Flower Manufacturers, this being a certificate of my satisfaction to this settlement made this day at the Village of Hoboken N.J. Note at 6 months for One Hundred & Sixty dollars and a check for fourteen 07/100 Dolls amtg in all to the above amount

W E Messerve"

Almost three years pass before we find a brief reference to William in his brother Abraham's letter from San Francisco, CA, of 18 April 1850, to their brother, JOHN, in New York City: 4 10

"Till William Old Mr Higgins nephew came out in our ship"

Another reference to William and the first to Ann follows in Abraham's next letter to JOHN, dated 28 August 1850: 4,10

"I send you in this box a few specimens of Gold for William and Ann according as I promised Ann"

Close to the end of the year, on 13 December 1850, William is mentioned again in a letter from Abraham to JOHN: 4,10

"I wrote Brother William a letter just before I recieved his"

JOHN provides the next reference in his letter from New York City of 23 January 1851, to Abraham in San Francisco: 10 4

"I called upon Wm & Ann with Marr and took tea. he was very much pleased to hear from you" 3

Two more brief references to William and Ann follow in successive letters from Abraham in San Francisco to JOHN in New York City; the first on 14 February 1851 and the second on 27 June 1851: 4,10

"Remember me to William & Ann"

"Love to Ann & William"

Sometime after 31 July 1851, Abraham returned to New York from San Francisco. According to entries in JOHN's diary, Abraham signed a co-partnership agreement with JOHN on 22 June 1852 witnessed by Elmore Thompson, Chauncey Thompson and William, and then, only two days later, on 24 June 1852, left New York to return to San Francisco, this time accompanied by William, in the steamer Cherokee "all in good spirits" 4 10

On 8 July 1852, DEBORAH mentioned Ann in her letter from Hoboken to JOHN and his bride, JULIA CLELAND, verifying that Ann did not go with her husband to California: 3 10,11

"Ann has gone over to Green Street (New York City) to healpt pack up little Gorgie & Ade is with us" 14,15

In her follow-up letter on 17 July 1852, DEBORAH adds: 3

"Ann was over yesterday and I suppose they all will write you ---- The Mail have arriv'd from California and a short letter from

William and Abram which you see I have enclose" 4

During a visit with her sister, Mary, in Madison, CT, JULIA CLE- 16,11
LELAND mentioned Ann in her letter to JOHN dated 2 September 1852:

"Give our love to Ann"

In turn, in his letter to JULIA during his business trip through 11
New York State, on 7 September 1852, JOHN gives us a capsule of 10
history with his reference to his brothers:

"William & Abram both well News from San Francisco via Nicau- 4
ragua only 23 days"

At "4 ock PM" the same day, JOHN wrote again to JULIA with more 10,11
detailed news of Abraham and William: 4

"---- now I have some more (news) from Wm & Abram I received 4
a letter from Wm by Express bearing date 14th Aug. he stated
that he had been sick since the 2nd day that he had arrived,
but was generally getting better, & assigns the cause to bil-
liousness. Abram had been very well till the day he William
was writing Abram wrote me by mail which will not get here in
4 or 5 days when he was similarly attacked with - vomiting -
& vomit up bile enough to supply two men & would be all right
in a day or two. - this news came by the Nicaragua route only
23 days from sanfrancisco."

On 4 November 1852, William joined the Lady Washington Engine Company No. 2 of the Fire Department, City of San Francisco. A reduced copy of his certificate of membership is on the next page.

On 31 December 1852, in a somewhat gloomy letter to JOHN, Abraham 10,4
expresses concern that he may not be able to continue the employ-
ment of his brother, William:

"I would like to have Given William a Situation a little longer
but I will See there is no use of my keeping on and paying Ex-
penses and do nothing. ---- Brother William is with me"

The first direct news we have from William he wrote from San Fran- 11
cisco on 30 January 1853 (misdated 1852) to JULIA CLELAND. In it
he reveals a distinctive style and sense of humor quite different
from others in our family. Whether it flows from a whiskey bottle
at this time of his life is not clear but it will become more ap-
parent as the years roll by:

"I received your very short letter dated Dec. 19th and was glad
to hear that you and all the family were well. But I cannot see
how it is possible you could spare the time to write what you
did. Such a large family as you have, (11 or 8 children or less,
and they Small at that,) I don't see how you could spare so
much time, but I must actually believe it was out of pure af-
fection. But I will Speculate no more on the matter, but will
hope with you, that your next will be longer - "Lingo - Lake."

You inform me Mr & Mrs Woods have arrived in town. I hope this 12,13
may find them enjoying good health, also I hope Mr. Woods may

CERTIFICATE.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA EUREKA

CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

This is to Certify, that Wm C Messerve

is an Active Member of Lady Washington Engine Co No 2

belonging to the Fire Department of the City of San Francisco, and reported to the Department by roll of said Company, the Fourth day of November 1852, in accordance with an Act, approved January 28, 1851, and the Constitution of the Fire Department, March 10, 1851.

City of San Francisco, November 4 1852.

[illegible]
Mayor of the City of San Francisco.

Geo Hossefrop
Chief Engineer Fire Department.

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Secretary Board of Delegates Fire Department S. F.

settle down in New York. and then you will all be there together, which would be pleasant all round. You must give them my congratulations that they have got safe back to the good city of Gotham - if I had my Pile I would be there too - "That too also - Nevertheless." - John Patterson.

You Stated you went to church, you also described some portions of the Sermon, Did you mean by that to draw me out - to know

whether I went to church, if you did not, I will inform of myself, as regards my church going propensities - they were not very Strong when at home, but they have not grown weaker in this Babel of a city. I go to the Bethel, occasionally whereof Mr Taylor is pastor, I like Mr Taylor better than any preacher in this town. I am rather peculiar in fancy about ministers. A minister must look the man, to suit me, and Mr. Taylor does look the man. Another thing about the Bethel is, a Kind of independence of action - Taylor does not confine himself to the Bethel, but Preaches sometimes on the Plaza, and sometimes on Long Wharf, in the open air. His wife is a fine woman, and a good help mate, - She is with him often when he preaches out of doors, and helps do the singing. Now if you and your lady acquaintances wishes to do something for a deserving minister and his wife.(mind, of the Methodist Episcopal Church) you might club together and send him a nice Bible for his pulpit, some hymn Books for his church, and a small Library for his sailor congregation - and anything you please to his wife, by way of Cape Horn (Just a Hint)

You say you"look anxiously for California letters." I say, I too Cate, and when I get one from you, the intervals are so long that I cannot tell whether it is your writing or some one else is. I will speak for myself, write me long letters, and you will receive long letters in return. And I hope you will never put in your letters the following sentence:- "I suppose Ma, or JOHN, or Ann, or somebody else, has told or wrote you all the news." You write a letter and you use the term. Ma. do. Mr Tatem do. By such means I loose a great deal of News. I would rather have the same news repeated than loose it altogether. So look out for the future. 3,10

You ask me how much I weigh, well, I guess I weigh some, about as much as a piece of chalk. I don't like to get weighed, I don't fancy such tests. I am satisfied that I weigh more than I ever did before in my life - knowing that, I am satisfied, without ascertaining the exact number of pounds - so you must be satisfied, without knowing the exact number of pounds - that too also.

Your account of the "Rumsey" did something towards filling your half sheet, and has done something for me, in filling out these three lines.

JOHN wrote to me a mail or two back, and said he and Ann had some hard words, and that you took Ann's part. Well, now I mention that circumstance to thank you for your Kind and generous feeling - I did not doubt but Ann would receive Kindness at your hands, but to hear that you defended her from accusations or censures from my own family, took me all aback, to think you should have spoke in her behalf to those who ought not have censured her. For that act, and numerous other Kind acts of your family, I shall ever feel grateful - and when that good time comes, which I am looking forward too, I hope I will be present, personally, to thank you for your Kindness. 10

Today is Sunday, the hour, about half past 11 O'clock. Abram is well, and, with Chauncey Thompson, has gone to church. I, your humble servant, is writing letters home. ---- 4

The Clipper Ship Comet has arrived, we got our lot of paper all safe and in good order. Last Thursday the Flying Dutchman arrived in 103 days from New York. A Splendid quick passage. We have not

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received our goods by her yet, but will get them in next week. Business begins to look up, and I hope next week to experience some of the lively business we had last August & September. Oh! "There is a good time coming,"- never doubt it.

The news from the mines is very encouraging, and I hope ere you receive this we shall be up to our eyes in hard work. ----

I remain Your affectionate brother - hyphen - in - hyphen - law"

William wrote to his maternal grandmother addressed as Mrs PHEBE CREEMER, Spring Street, Bet. Hudson & Some other Street, New York City from San Francisco on 13 March 1853: 17

"Dear Grandmother.-

I, for the first time, take my pen in hand to say a few words to you. You may say, I ought to have done so before; well, so I ought, but I did not - and, as the old saying says:-"Better late than never;" I now do what I ought to have done.

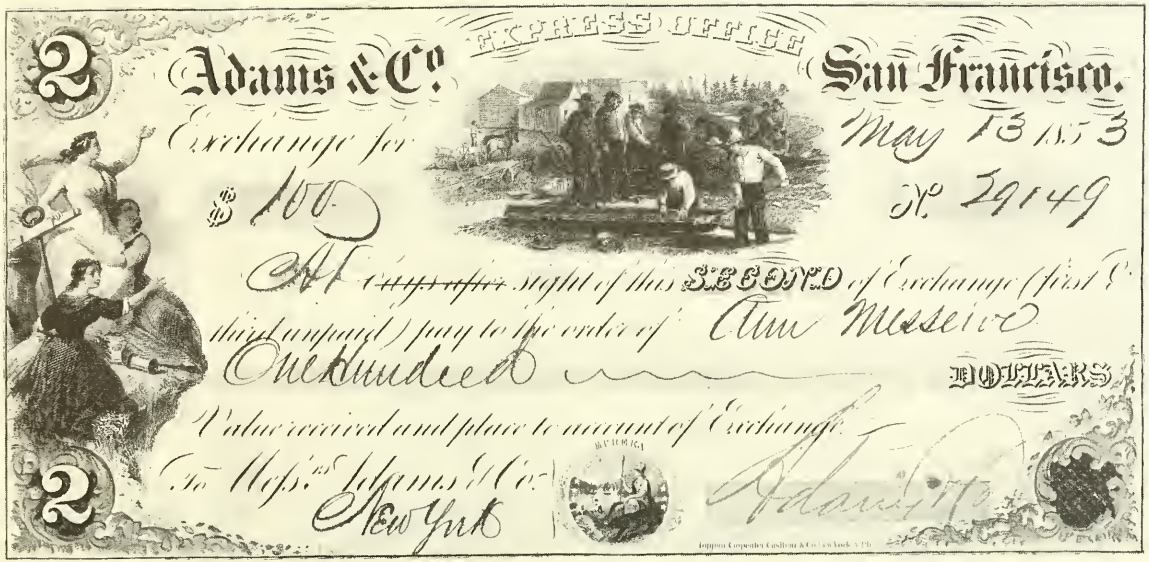
Well, to commence at the beginning, Abram and myself are well, and hope you are enjoying the same glorious blessing. Our weather, for the last two weeks, has been warm and clear, like your last of May weather in New York. You may think it is not so, but it is a fact, This is our season of grass and flowers. But in the months of June, July, August, and Sept., nought but the barren sand meets the eye - caused by the burning sun and no rain. But, after all, San Francisco has a glorious climate - there is very little sickness here, it takes a great deal to make you sick, and it takes a heap of care to make you well a-gain. I speak from experience, not from what others have told me. Abram and myself has had rather a tedious experience in that time. But that is past, and I hope "There is a good time coming." And that time will be when we arrive safe home - "No more to Roam." That word "Home," to us poor Californians, sends a thrill down to the last joint of our Great toe. Methinks if Ma is sit-ting by your side when you read about us getting home safe a-gain, I should not wander if her eyes did sparkle some too - Who Knows? Well, Grandma, all these separations are caused by the root of all evil - "Money." 4

Now I must tell you that I am alive and kicking. I have kicked my way along so far, and I shall continue, by good health and a kind Providence, to kick my way along till I accomplish in whole or in part, what I came here for - and that within 2½ years.

Our lady population increases by every Steamer. Our City im-proves daily under the hands of industrious Carpenters and ma-sons. Our evening Prayer is, that we may have no more fires. Our City enjoys peace from mobs and rowdyism. Little children are seen in every Street. Dogs - there name is Legion. Rats do. Cats a few, and Hogs, none but those that run on two legs - we have a few of that spieces. And now Dear Grandma, if I have given you five minutes of pleasure in writing you this short letter, I am well paid, and my point is gained. Wishing you health and happiness, I remain your affectionate Willie

A brief reference to William on 15 September in his letter to JOHN, Abraham gives us our final bit of news of him for the year:

"William has written to Ann this mail"



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We learn in Abraham's letter of 28 January 1854 to JOHN that William has had enough of San Francisco and will return to New York: 4,10

"---- I will just Say here in relation to William in the first place I did not want him to come out here at all for my benefit but for his own, but he appears to think otherwise, althrough I told him so in New York. and appears Very anxious to get away from San Francisco, and yet I don't See but San Francisco has done better by him then New York ever did. for since he has been here he ought to have Save free of his expenses "Home"from $1000 to twelve Hundred Dollars. did he ever do that in the Same time in New York and yet He thinks San Francisco is a poore place and is agoing to bust and broke and go to nothing. Well he will find a difference when he gets into New York again. as far as I am concerned I am glad he concluded to go now. as he appears to be tired of San Francisco and anxious about seeing Ann, and how can I blaim him. She is his "wife" and an wife comes before a Brother. I can Say I always have done my best by him in California. unless it interfered to much with my business, which is absolutely my duty to look out for. I believe He has done all he could to further our interests, which I give him full credit for. Sometimes perhaps I have been to hard with him, oweing, to the many difficulties which I have to contend against but I can Say from my heart I freely forgive him all, no matter what he has Said and I do wish when he arrives Home he may be happy."

It is certain that William returned home before 22 May 1854 as shown on his membership card for the New-York Printer's Co-operative Union but no record has been found which refers to his occupation.

No. 437.

NEW-YORK PRINTERS' CO-OPERATIVE UNION,

Faust Gutenburg Schoeffer

ESTABLISHED APRIL 15, 1853.

This is to Certify, That Wm. E. Messerve

was admitted a Member of the N. Y. PRINTERS' CO-OPERATIVE UNION,

May 22, 1854.

Chas. M. Colton, Recording Secretary.

David A. Cooke, President.

A social note is found in a letter from Rebecca Cleland to her sister JULIA, again visiting their sister, Mary, in Madison, CT, on 29 July 1854: 18 11,16

"WEM took tea with us last night went to Hoboken seeing they were alone, intended staying all night."

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At the end of the year, probably 16 December 1854, Isabella L. Idell, having joined her husband, Abraham, in San Francisco, wrote in her letter to JULIA CLELAND: 19 4 11

"give my love to AMANDA ROBERT William and Ann" 7,20

In a long letter to Abraham in San Francisco, William, from Hoboken on 20 July 1856, wrote at length about the Vigilance Committee which is appropriately recorded in the history of Abraham but much is pertinent to his own life: 4

"---- tell John Mc Graith I don't want to come back to live in San Francisco again ----

And now for the news just about these parts - All our family is well, ditto the Idells - that is, Your Mother Idell is much than she has been for a long time, and the prospects are fair that she regain her Strength. Isabella Brother was on from West, took to himself a wife, and vamosed to the west again. I spent the 4th of July with Uncle Abraham at Jefferson Valley, and very pleasant time I had. ---- I never caught so many fish before ---- and so of course we had fish for breakfast, dinner and tea. I have no doubt, if I had Staid there a month and caught fish and eat them as I was then doing, that my back would have been covered with scales, who knows? 21

The political Pot has been boiling, and has turned out three candidates for the Presidency - Freemont, Buchanan and Fillmore. The two last are doughfaces. Freemont leads all the rest - he goes for free soil, and I go that ticket. It is too bad that a Free State like California should have Senators & Congressmen voted for the extension of Slavery. The democrats are getting desperate, the Fillmorites have no show at all north, at the present time Freemont is far ahead.

We have had a dreadful accident on the Philadelphia Railroad between an excursion and an regular train - killing some 40 children, 20 adult persons, and wounded some one hundred besides. Another accident of the burning of a steamboat on Lake Erie, 50 lives lost, another on Lake Ontario, 20 lives lost, all within one week of each other."

On a business trip, JOHN, writing from the American Hotel, Troy, NY, to JULIA on 9 November 1856, adds an interesting comment concerning the presidential campaign: 10 11

"Tell William that the Troyans do not give up Fremont's election yet, they say wait & hear from Tennessee & Cala."

but just sends his regards in his next letter from Syracuse, NY, on 13 November 1856, to JULIA: 10 11

"Remember me to Wm & Ann"

The only news we have during 1857 of William and Ann comes from the brief reference by ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD in his letter from Hoboken to JOHN on 15 November 1857: 20 10

"About one O'clock Ann came here AMANDA and Ann went into the 7

garden to see about Ann's plants"

News of William and Ann are also meagre in 1858. On 6 April 1858, ROBERT, writing again from Hoboken, to JOHN, mentioned: 20,10

"Mar came from Wm's They are all well" 3

DEBORAH adds a second bit in her letter of 30 May 1858 from Hoboken to JULIA: 3 11

"---- tell Maggy how much her grandmother wants to see her and I think her Ann, & uncle William wou'd like to see the little girl and give her a kiss ----" 22

A visit by DEBORAH to her son, William, is mentioned in JOHN's letter to JULIA on 12 March 1859: 3,10

"Marr is up to William's and I have not seen her yet I was going up there today" 3

Mary S. Coggeshall wrote to JULIA CLELAND on 28 September 1861: 23,11

"Sarah wants to know when the Fair that Mrs Ann Messerve' is interested in, is coming off? She is making something for it -- -- Remember us to Mrs Ann Messerve" 24

This time, a gap of news of almost five years occurs until we read another letter from Mary S. Coggeshall of 441 West 47th Street, New York, NY, dated 6 July 1866 to JULIA: 23

"Georgie is very anxious to have some sweetmeats made up, say 6 pds currants 6 raspberry jam, 6 pineapples in slices & later, when quinces come some of them. She would have asked you to see to it if you were a lady of leisure ---- she thinks perhaps you may know of some one who would undertake it and thought of Mrs Ann Messerve'. Do not ask her if you think she would be offended but if not just send her the inclosed $10 to commence operations. The money will not be greatly taken into account if she can only get the fruits nicely done" 25

An undated letter from Rebecca Cleland to her sister, JULIA, refers to William and Ann as being at Somerville, NJ, but this is the only instance when this location is mentioned: 18,11

"Aunt Ann and Uncle Wm what are they doing? Still at Somerville or have they made another move? It seemed a good while since I heard they were going and yet it seems only a little while since I came here"

It is possible that "Brook Farm" in the heading of William's letter to JOHN on 26 July 1866, is in Somerville but he does not say so: 10

"I set me down at this late date to answer your two letters, but they were very short so it follows that it will be an easy matter to answer both by one that is middling long. I was glad

to hear of your good health and also of the family, and I hope they may continue. As to your Farm troubles, I can sympathize with them deeply, as I have had my own hard times with my own farm difficulties. The first of my trouble was, after my potatoes was growing finely, there appeared a stripped bug, about the size of a Croton bug. Well, the cursed varmints attacked my potatoes. I tried slacked lime, but they would eat under the leaves where I sprinkled the lime. So I found that did a little good. Then I tried water, that did more good, but I could not put it on fast enough, as the ground was very dry, and before I could get them all wet the bugs would go to those that I had sprinkled. So then I took to brushing them off with a bush full of leaves and when they all got running between the rows, I stamped the Devils to death - Dam 'em - and that did more good - that thinned them out - but Kind Providence sent a heavy shower which put a finisher on them. But now, it being extremely dry, I expect the Sarpints to return and finish what they commenced.

My next trouble is, I with my neighbors are afraid we shall lose all our corn, as it is being curled up. We had but one shower since the 4th of July. By the way, Ann and me spent the 4th very quietly at home, with cherry pie for dinner, and I had some whisky and I drank the health to Old Lang Syne.

My next trouble, and the crowning one for vexation, was the straying away of my cows - my mountain cows - my nice cows - my cheap heifer mountain cows - just between you and me, I would like to cut their Blasted throats. Well, as I said they strayed away on Tuesday, and I hunted them, up the mountains and down the mountains. I got it noised about that I had lost them. I got others to hunt them. I could not hear anything positive till Friday - on that afternoon they were seen. On Saturday afternoon they were brought home by my mountain neighbors. I watched them all day Sunday. On Monday they got out, but I found them and brought them home. On tuesday they give me the slip again, and at this present writing, you know as well as I do where my mountain cows are. There I am, I will sell those fine cows cheap. What with a Drought Country, Bugs, poor land, runaway cattle, no horse, I am pretty well disgusted with Farm Life.- I am in the Market - My Farm is in the hands of the Land Agent. My preference for Farm Life is utterly gone - the disease of being a farmer is entirely eradicated. I am telling you this, I don't wish it to be told out of our family circle. But I think if I get clear of this farm, and get back again, - I shall consider it an insult for anyone to invite to go and see a farm. But, in all my trouble, I have seen some fun, for instance, in coming down the mountain you slip and fall, and roll, and tumble some ten feet, and then have to rub your joints ten minutes before you can come to your locomotion - that's Fun - isn't! I can't say I like it. But I shall laugh at hereafter - maybe.

P.S. If I sell the Farm, I shall also sell all my furniture - everything but our bedding and clothing.
Ann sends her love to all - and a kiss for the Children."

Apparently, William successfully got out of the farm business and returned to Hoboken. His sister, AMANDA, writing from Norwich, CT 7
on 1 December 1867, to their brother, JOHN, implies that their 10

Mother is staying with William and Ann and verifies the location as Hoboken in a letter following on 2 February 1868: 3

"I had a letter from Mar last week She seems quite smart I think it will be a great deal better there this winter and less care for you and I think William and Ann ought to know what care she needs as well as us." 3

"I was glad to hear from Mar I expect to go to Hoboken two weeks from next Tuesday" 3

On 12 March 1868, DEBORAH, writing from Hoboken to JOHN and JULIA, breaks the news of Ann and William's contemplated move to Ridgewood, NJ: 3,10 11

"---- I must tell you William has bought a place and is going to move on 24 of this month and where do you think it is 5 miles from Paterson Ridewood is the name he is much plesed with it ---- Ann sends her love to you all William is not home parhaps he will write a few lines"

William adds his "few lines" to his mother's letter:

"I send you these few lines inclosed in Mah's letter to inform that I have purchased a small place of 4 Acres, with house, pig pen, & chicken house of the smallest dimensions - all three, at the Ridgewood Station, 5 miles above Patterson. And I shall take the 9.15 or 10 O'clock Train for Patterson on Saturday Morning next to consummate the bargain, at 11 o'clock. So after boxing the compass, I shall have settled down as your neighbor about 7 or 8 miles distant. ---- If all things prove correct and the Bargain is consumated, I shall put my furniture on the Railway Cars on the 24th of March and take possession on the 25th. Mah expects to Scratch gravele for your diggings next week, of which she has advised you in her letter" 3 3

William's pleasure was quickly shattered. On 2 December 1868, he wrote from Ridgewood to JULIA revealing the serious illness of his wife, Ann: 11

"Today, Ann took up her quarters with Dr Robinson, No 21 Amity Place (the upper end of Sullivan St between Bleecher & Amity Streets) There to go through a course of Medicine for her (what he calls a cancerous Affection) disease. He says he can cure it - he seems to be speak with a great deal of confidence. The cause, he says, is owing to her broken colar bone. I understood him to say it formed the seat of the disease in the crevice of the old break, by becoming strained opened and formed this sort of abscess. Ann is to remain there for eight or ten days. He accomplishes his purpose without cutting or lansing - by Medicine alone. He says she has had wrong treatment. It should not have been poulticed according to his idea.

Ann has a pleasant back room on the third floor, directly over the Doctor's, in a Boarding-house with fire, light and board & attendance for one dollar per day. The Doctor charges two

hundred dollars for the cure. Belle leaves here this week and takes both of her boys with her. I shut up my poor little shanty - come home every to sleep. Meta will board with Mrs Ackerman - that seems to be the best thing I can do. I don't thing Ann will be able to come home before New Years, provided every thing should progress favorable. I believe I have told you all - being pretty well weared out 19

P.S. - Uncle James Saxton has had a Stroke of Paralysis - he is at Bayles' - I believe half of his body is useless - so you see trouble all around." 26

No further reference to Ann has been found and it is quite likely that she died sometime between 2 December 1868 and 3 November 1872, the date of William's letter from a rooming house on 73rd Street, New York, NY, to JULIA CLELAND: 11

" ---- I have got my room to rights - the Carpet fitted beautiful - the jams each side of the fire-place will have to be filled up by the odd breadth The little Table I had painted, and the Bible has its place on it. The two chairs I will have painted next. My bed arrangements are the best I have enjoyed for years - one fault is, when I go to bed, I don't know when to get up - the bed is so soft - I am afraid it will spoil me. When I look around the room and see my little notions, it makes me feel comfortable and happy.

There are some little notions I will have to get to make things a little more pleasant, - probably a stove, - so you see I shall get along pretty will till I get Snowed up here, or snowed down town - so you see I will get the Bitter with the Sweet."

Ten year old JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE wrote a note to her mother on 2 May 1873 saying: 27,11

"I suppose you know that Uncle William gave me 5 cents"

A few days later, on 8 May 1873, Uncle William wrote from his 73rd Street address, to JULIA's older sister, Maggie: 27.22

"---- And now I must add my thanks to theirs for the business-like manner in which you did up the Job. So you must consider yourself goodly hugged, and, I may say, severely hugged, for doing the thing, or things, up brown, not John Brown, whose "Soul is still moving around!"

This house, you must Know, is in awful state, in the basement it is wedding - in the Parlor it is wedding - on the second floor it is wedding - on the third floor it is Bride's Room, Bath Room, and the Old gentleman's Sleepery - wedding has not yet invaded his quarters - and just here, I will inform, confidentially, if wedding puts in an appearance, or invades my sacred Sleepery, I shall throw my Old Boots at her or them.

You made just one mistake in the direction of your letter - not Lang, but Lange, Lange, Lange, a final e. Do you snuff that? But you did the business so well, that I will forgive the one sin. - Selah! And now I am about wrote out, I will close by quoting from memory a couplet or doublet, Just as you please to

to call it - Live well - Die never, Die well - Live forever.

PS I presume you have received your invitation cards."

It is not at all clear what William was writing about nor whose wedding he referred to. Maggie did not marry for another 6 years. 22
When we next hear from William, in his letter from a new address in New York City on 23 November 1876, to JULIA CLELAND, he gives 11
us a clear picture of his character but just a bit of the political news of Tilden's race for the Presidency:

"I received your letter this evening - and contents of course. I will just tell you how it was - Not feeling very good in body and mind (mind more especially), not having work only from 1.30 to quitting time, which is the case almost daily, and my fund getting low (as a proof of it, I have only to say I have went without my usual whisky for two evenings). judge then of my surprise and gratification on coming home, to find a letter with money in it. Didn't I take a good wash and go out and get a generous Supper, and bring home a bottle of Whisky? I guess I did, and under the good influences I am now writing. I have took it into my head that I should live on what I earn, be it much or little, and I must learn to cut my garment to my cloth, but it is hard work. I have a friend that I can call on, but I look upon that as sacred fund to be called upon only in dire necessary; or to bury me when I Kick the bucket - Selah.

Of late I have thought a great deal about the burying business. I think my bones would turn over in the coffin, if a subscription paper should go around. So you see I must try to guard against that.

Now to pleasanter subjects - I am glad to hear from Johnnie, 28
you must tell he must not forget to write to me when he gets some Statistics of land, wheat, corn, oats, buckets, poultry, farming utensils - thus follows the game, and what they are .

I am happy to say my present home far excels my last one. My landlady tries to do everything to make me comfortable, and says my mattress is the best mattress she ever saw - how is that! She has a little daughter ---- so affectionate is she, I cannot help loving her on first sight - she is my little carrier, she came to the foot of the Stairs, and sang out, "Mr. Massy, a letter for you - a letter for you, Mr. Massy".

Where's this letter going to in length, you see I am getting in
dotage. Tell Maggie I shall shake her all to pieces when I come 22
up there; She will have Big Brothers to defend her,- So she must look out!

Tell JOHN Friend Tilden is not legally declared, but he must 10
keep his courage it may come out all right yet."

From 143 West Fourth Street, New York City, on 19 December 1876, William writes again to JULIA in his amusing manner:

"I took in my head that I might spend my Happy, or rather unhappy Christmas with you of the Mountains. So, you see, the which is the cause of writing you this letter. The Substance - I enclose one dollar for my share of the Goose - one end to be

stuffed with potatoes and onions - onions very numerous. So, you see again, I think if the weather is passable, that is, if it don't Storm, I shall take the half past eight O'clock train next Sunday morning. I cannot come Saturday on account of its being pay night - in these times I have to look after the main Chance.

I presume I shall have to Shank up a foot, as your one-horse Railroad never accommodates a Stranger. Well, I shall take my old route, by the Post office, through Main St. to West, and around by way of Chemical Works.

Addie Bayles has been sick (I believed she miscarried Somebody, or she couldn't carry somebody, or something of that sort); but she has entirely recovered, I believe.

I got a letter from Mr. J. E. Messerve', of Kansas. It Kinder, Sorter looks well on paper to see relatives hailing from foreign States. I answered right away, so he will get the letter by Christmas. 28

If there is any cause why the above programme cannot carried out, please let me know - Good Night.

Yours, Diemetrically -"

And, on the back of the letter:

Goose! - Goose!! - Goose!!! Every Time Goose!
with the Ungions, as Ade B. would say. - Selah. - "

Two and a half years pass before we read a very short note to JULIA CLELAND written on 27 July 1879 from 5 Cottage Place; William's new address: 11

"I write you this short note because I did come up to see you yesterday. Of course you did not expect me. I was somewhat disappointed. I made arrangements at the office to get away about 3 o'clock, providing weather permitted, so the weather didn't permit; blame the weather not me. We are busy at the Office with the"Register;" we are driving it with all our forces - to be done on the 9th of August.

I am pretty well, no complaints to grant over - hoping the same to you and yours, I am yours, frequently"

This time, five and a half years go by before we read his next letter to JULIA CLELAND, on 20 January 1884: 11

"I received your note Friday evening, and was pleased to hear that you and JULIA had not been eaten, swallowed, or made away by the Tramps.You and JULIA had a sick spell - I guess you had none of my pills - what an oversight. What was it? Scat - No! Sciatica, scatarac, or Scaticum. I don't know him or her - But I guess it was my old complaint. But you are both better, so that ends it. 27

As to myself, the next morning after I got home, I had a good appetite for my breakfast, and for three days done well; then took four more pills, and was better yet. My trouble now is, where to get the money to pay for all I want to eat. Why, mebby you don't believe it, I can eat whiteoak chips, fried in plenty

phat. That are a fact. Selah! ----

Last Sunday I was to Hoboken. all well, nothing new.

This Sunday I had a late breakfast, it stormed, blew, and snowed so badly that I made tracks straight home, and here I am bound to stay till five or half past five, then I will go out and get some su-par, and come right back, look at nothing for two or three hours, take a drop of whisky, and go to bed.

Now I leave you to spell out the above - cause why, I would read it for twenty-five cents! Yours, etc. etc. etc. etc."

It is quite likely that William is kidding about his age. He was 69 when he wrote on his birthday, 26 May 1885, to JULIA CLELAND: 11

"Methinks I will come up to the Mountains on Saturday next, weather permitting, and no accident happens. I suppose you know this is my birthday, if you don't, you oughter, but the trouble with me is, I don't know whether I am 54 or 56 - which troubles a good deal. I shall take the 7.35 train, I believe that is the train, if not, I come next train. Have a bottle of High Mountain Tonic on hand for me to bring home with me. Also have some Alcohol so I can use - I have to continue nibbing. Hoping all things will be well, I say good night. Selah!"

William continues with little in the way of news but he does well in revealing his own character in his next letter to JULIA on 30 July 1885: 11

"I suppose you have heard by this time that - everything said, heard, or spoken, is about Gen. Grant and his family. But if we have patience, we will be pretty near the end the eight of next month - so mote it be, Selah! So as the grand street agony is to take place a week from Saturday, instead of my coming up on the first of August, I shall come on the 8th. and as all the people from New Jersey - and other places - there is to be hundreds, thousands, millions, Billions, Quar - I don't know any more mathematics, so I give up the count. I thought I would be one to come to fill up the moity of the vacuum. So if you are coming with all your families - with your cows and calves - your laying and setting hens, for - "The Sun went down with its battled stained eye", and "Rumpsey, Dumpsey, who Killed Tecumsey." and, of course, in that case you will lock up the house, and leave the barn open for the benefit of the free-booters that pass - all which, if there is a probability of its happening, you must let me know before the 8th of August, so that I can let my Praetorian Shadow fall on other pleasant-pasture fields.

Pretty well, thank you, how are you - 10.30. P.M

JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE was busy setting up housekeeping at her new home at 122 East Cain Street, Atlanta, GA, a week after her marriage to ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD when she received a letter from her mother dated 1 December 1885 which included a bit of news of William and a reference to Ann: 27 29 11

"The pair of embroidered pillow cases were Aunt Ann's - I had

them done for her before you were born, and they have never been used since she died. They were as yellow as saffron and I washed, boiled, bleached & froze them until they acquired their present hue, you can do them up and the two will be just a nice change for the old pillow, and they would not fit any larger one - then you can have the pillow and the cases just as Aunt Ann left them. ---- Uncle William did not come up for Thanksgiving, in fact has not been here since you went away."

A year later, Maggie gives us our next bit of news of William in her letter of 30 December 1886 to her sister, JULIA, in Atlanta. 22 27

"Uncle William got up about 4 o'clock (Xmas) in Lou's wagon"

We continue to look to others for news of William. On 13 February 1887, JULIA CLELAND wrote to her daughter, JULIA, in Atlanta: 11,27

"uncle William was up (unexpectedly all round) last Sunday; cause, broken engine at the office. He was perfectly well and had been so all winter since he was here last. He continues to take his suppers with his landlady, and I think he has been much better since he has made that arrangement."

and again, from Julia Barron Maynard, shortly after her father, ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD, died, writing from Atlanta to JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE now back home at Squaw Brook Farm in North Haledon, NJ, on 31 January 1888: 30 20 27

"We have · packed his things and packed up what we thought William could use"

It has been nearly three years since we have had a direct word from William but, at last on 14 May 1888, we read his note to JULIA CLELAND, announcing, in his usual style, an intended visit to Squaw Brook Farm: 11

"Don't be surprised to see a small note from me once more, but the sight of me I contemplating will take place about the 26th of the month of this very May. I am making great reckoning of coming your way Saturday Morning. If everything goes well, I shall take the 8 o'clock train on that morning - (If you know of any impediments that is, or will be in my path you must inform me of it), for instance, a wash-out, or if you have a Blizzard pending, please notify me.

For the last six weeks, our weather has been cold, rainy, cloudy and disagreable. Almost every Sunday I have staid at home, read the papers and sleeped. I found there was one good thing about it; that was, I felt pretty good to go to work Monday Morning.

Your gal JULIA was down to York some time ago, and called at the Office, and I seen her, I guess she ain't got home yet, because she told me when she left me, that she would write me as soon as she got home, so that make me think she ain't got home yet! Poor thing! Who knows - (I don't, and therein lies my fret & trouble - who know, I say again, but what some of our Dutch or Italyan Sassage makers had grabbed her and made into bolognas, 27

and I have been eaten my own Kith and Kin. Selah!

Don't think, honestly, that old Chuckel-head like myself, ought to Know - better than writing such balderdash stuff as the above. So mote it be.

So if you Know or hear of any of the above atmospheric disturbances are about to take place, notify me in due season.

Hoping that JULIA Jr. has arrived home safe, and your all all well."

Self-named "Old Chuckle head" treats us to a final letter to JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE on 21 March 1890: 27

"I received you letter and was glad to hear you were all pretty well, and I hope you will all being better till get betterest.

Well, now, about the mundane things is hemisphere, I will preach a little, - as to myself. I have been as to health, about so, so, my head will keep ahead of my heels. I tried to walk straighter, but that made my back ache - since that failure, I have had to do the best I can.

Your idea of my coming to the Mountains is a little premature, my calculations was to quite these parts the last of April. But I must watch the way the cat jumps. If 8 hour trouble comes along, with a pretty stiff back bone I shall scat, get out, - but if comes along in a mild form, and I feel pretty well. I shall hold still hold to the Old Sow that gives the Swill. Selah!

Adeline Baylis and Lizzy Prichard called last Sunday to see if I was here or gone to the hospital. They seemed very glad to see that the Old Chuckle head was still home. I had a very pleasant little visit, and enjoy it much. I cannot say when I shall start for the happy hunting grounds of my fore Daddies! I am tired now, and sleepy too. Give my love to the Babies, and let the Big folks take what is left."

JULIA CLELAND's sister, Fanny, wrote to her from Sunnyview, OR, on 2 January 1891:

"I am sorry to hear Will Messerve is so feeble"

In the Final Account by the Administrator of William's Estate dated 5 March 1894, we learn that William boarded with JULIA CLELAND from 19 November 1891 to his death on 25 January 1892. An interum comment was made in the letter from Meta C. Woods on 21 January 1892 to JULIA CLELAND: 11 31

"I am so sorry to hear about Uncle William's sickness too. From what you said I understood he had not been concious at all since the attack. If so, it does not seem as though he could possibly live very long for I can't understand how you could get nourishment enough in him to keep life."

William Edwin Messerve is buried in Laurel Grove Cemetery next to his youngest brother, JOHN.

On 31 January 1892, while visiting her sister, Eliza, at 2206 7th Avenue, New York, NY, JULIA CLELAND wrote to her daughters, JULIA and Maggie about her discussions with J. W. C. Leveridge concerning William's estate: 13 11,27 32

> "He very quickly told me that William's only heir, and the only one who had anything to do in the matter was his Sister "MANDY", (at the receipt of which information I was very glad) and that I had better write to her to come on - authorize some one to receive the rent of the property (in Ridgewood, NJ) and dispose of it as soon as possible or as she thought best" 7

JULIA did write to AMANDA in accordance with these instructions. AMANDA replied to JULIA from Atlanta on 16 February 1892: 11,7

> "I little thought I would be call back so soon aye I never thought to be call back or ever start to come when I saw you last for when I came it was a great effert I had to make but it was to see Brother William once more and to see if I could do him some good it seem not and he is gone gone to be no more one of us and I am left alone the last one you say it is needfull for me to come there I will try to come if Providence permits I thought I might come soon after the first of march if the weather is so I can start you collect the Rents till I come I will write this way
>
> I Mrs A M MAYNARD the sister of William E Messerve do Autforize you Mrs J J MESSERVE to collect the Rents of the Ridgewood Property of Mr W E Messerve 7 11
>
> P.S or Mrs J P MAYNARD to collect it" 27

In response to notification of William's death, John Edwin Messerve wrote on 11 February 1892 to his sister, Maggie: 28 22

> "Isnt Aunt Ann buried at Bay Cemetary?"

The question remains unanswered. During our initial inquiry concerning internments of the Messerve family at Bay View Cemetery, Jersey City, NJ, one was listed as "A. Messerve", buried 14 July 1870. A letter from the office of the Cemetery on 12 November 1976 in answer to our request to clarify whether "A" was for Ann or Abraham, stated that it was Abraham and that no internment of Ann is listed in their records. 4

About a year later, Mary C. Howells, writing from Hamilton, OH on 21 January 1893, to JULIA CLELAND, refers to William: 23 11

> "If you sent me a newspaper containing a notice of your brother-in-law's death. I never received it. How fortunate for him to have been at your house where he could have good care."

and then from Belle on 18 March 1893 in her letter to JULIA: 19,11

> "Please let me know as soon as there is anything done with W's place."

1	WILLIAM CREEMER	19;6-2( )	maternal grand-father
2	JACOB MESSERVE	5;5-3( )	father
3	DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER	19;5-1(4)	mother
4	Abraham C. Messerve	5;5-3,( ),4(1)	brother
5	John Leveridge	H19;6-2( ),5(5)	maternal aunt Adeline's Husband
6	Adeline Creemer	19;6-2( ),5(5)	maternal aunt
7	AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	5 & 9;4-1(3)	sister
8	Joseph P. Pirsson	H19;6-2( ),5(2)	maternal aunt Mary's husband
9	Mary Creemer	19;6-2( ),5(2)	maternal aunt
10	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	brother
11	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	brother JOHN's wife
12	Robert Charles Woods	H10;5-2( ),4(3)	JULIA CLELAND's sister Eliza's husband
13	Eliza Howard Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(3)	JULIA CLELAND's sister
14	George Coggeshall Tatem	10;5-2( ),4(5),3(1)	
15	Agnes Davidson Tatem	10;5-2( ),4(5),3(1)	
16	Mary Hattrick Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(2)	JULIA CLELAND's sister
17	PHOEBE JOHNSON	38;6-1(2)	maternal grand-mother
18	Rebecca Hoatly Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(4)	JULIA CLELAND's sister
19	Isabella L. Idell	W5;5-3( ),4(1)	brother Abraham's wife
20	ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;4-4(9)	sister AMANDA's husband
21	Abraham Creemer	19;6-2( ),5(8)	maternal uncle
22	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	brother JOHN's daughter
23	Mary S. Coggeshall	20;6-2( ),5(9),4(3)	JULIA CLELAND'S cousin
24	Sarah M. Coggeshall	20;6-2( ),5(9),4(1)	JULIA CLELAND'S cousin
25	Elizabeth Georgianna Coggeshall	20;6-2( ),5(9),4(4)	J.CLELAND'S cousin
26	James Saxton		
27	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	brother JOHN's daughter
28	John Edwin Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2)	brother JOHN's son
29	ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD	1;3-3(5)	sister AMANDA's son
30	Julia Barron Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(4)	sister AMANDA's daughter
31	Meta Cleland Woods	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(6)	JULIA CLELAND's sister Eliza's daughter
32	John William C. Leveridge	19;6-2( ),5(5),4( )	maternal aunt Adeline's son - cousin
34	Augusta Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(0)	sister

MESSERVE 5
5-3( ),4(2)

Wishing you health
and happiness, I remain your affectionate
P.S. My love to All. Willie

W. E. Messervé

5 & 9;4-1(3) 16
AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE
b.10 Aug 1818 Savannah, GA

m.30 Dec 1851 Hoboken, NJ
age 33
d.11 Nov 1899 Oakland Cemetery,
age 81 Atlanta, GA

AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE 5 & 9;4-1(3)

AMANDA was born to JACOB MESSERVE and DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER in Savannah, GA, on 10 August 1818. The first we learn of her birth is from a letter written by John Leveridge from New York City to her father in Savannah on 22 September 1818: 1,2 3

"I congratulate you on an accession to your family & hope this will find the Mother & Daughter enjoying good health."

According to a letter from Joseph P. Pirsson writing from Woodbridge, NJ, on 20 October 1819 to JACOB MESSERVE in Savannah, DEBORAH left Savannah with her children to return to her father's home in Woodbridge sometime in midyear of 1819: 4 1 2,5,6 11,7

"DEBORAH is well but very uneasy on account of the fever at Savannah: She has not rec'd a letter from you for a month past. Your little ones are all well ---- DEBORAH intends writing" 2

John Leveridge informs us in his letter to JACOB in Savannah dated 14 February 1820 that our family is still in the north: 3,1

"Mrs M. has rec'd a letter from you & I hear you intend to leave Savannah for Milledgville & from there to New Orleans. ---- Mrs M. and Children are well." 2 5,6

A letter was addressed to JACOB in Savannah on 5 January 1821 from Joseph P. Pirsson written from Lexington, Scott County, Indiana, where he was establishing his practice in law. Since his wife and children remain in Woodbridge, NJ, it is likely that she would hear reasonably current news of JACOB from her sister, DEBORAH, also still in Woodbridge, and relate that news to Joseph: 1 4 8 2 4

"I understand your family are still at Woodbridge & I am thinking that we may manage matters in such a way as to meet there,"

JACOB is still addressed as Mr. JACOB MESSERVE, Merchant, Savannah, GA, on the letter from his father-in-law, WILLIAM CREEMER, writing from Rahway, NJ, on 16 July 1822. This letter informs us that DEBORAH, and presumably their two boys, have returned to Savannah to rejoin JACOB but that AMANDA remains with her grandfather: 1 7 2,5,6 7

"AMANDA is very hearty - She realy thought Adeline was her Ma. but we put her in mind her Pa & Ma is in Savannah" 9 1,2

Twenty Eight years pass with no news of DEBORAH or of her daughter AMANDA until we hear from Abraham writing of his arrival in San Francisco, CA in a letter dated 18 April 1850, to his brother, JOHN, in New York City. At this date we can only assume that AMANDA is living in the New York area with her mother within easy visiting range of JOHN: 2 5 10 2 10

"Till Mommy I intend to write her a letter as soon as I get time ---- Till AMANDA I can never forget her kindness in putting up those little notions for me to used on bord of Ship" 2

Our assumption is confirmed in Abraham's letter of 16 June 1850 to JOHN in which he says: 5 10

"I am glad you have arrange it so that Mah & AMANDA will live on their own floor" 2

Two references by Abraham follow in successive letters to JOHN dated 14 February and 27 June 1851: 5,10

"Remember me to AMANDA and MAR" 2

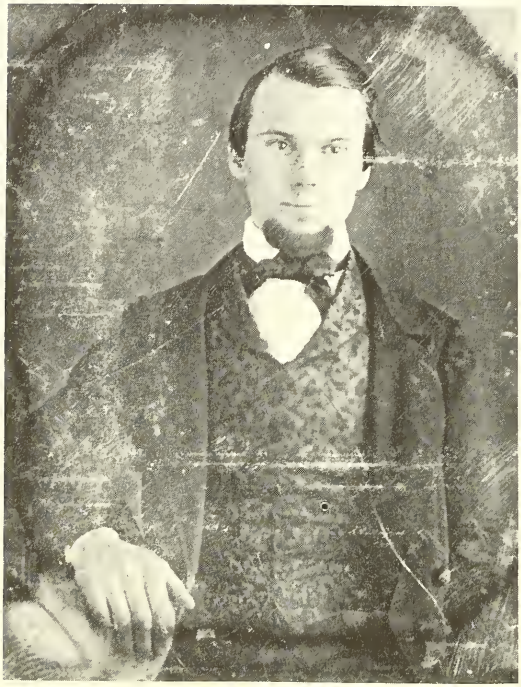
"I heard from MARR and AMANDA" 2

On 13 July 1851, we finally learn from Abraham writing from San Francisco to JOHN that DEBORAH is living in Hoboken, NJ, but does not state that AMANDA is with her: 5 10,2

"I have the Greatest anxiety about MAR I See by the New York papers you have had a great riot at Hoboken among the Dutch I wonder why you did not write me. I know how nervious MAR is and if the riot happen when you was not at home." 2

AMANDA married ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD in Hoboken on 13 December 1851.

1	JACOB MESSERVE	5;5-3( )	father
2	DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER	19;5-1(4)	mother
3	John Leveridge	H19;6-2( ),5(5)	maternal aunt Adeline's husband
4	Joseph P. Pirsson	H19;6-2( ),5(2)	maternal aunt Mary's husband
5	Abraham C. Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1)	brother
6	William Edwin Messerve	5;5-3(0,4(2)	brother
7	WILLIAM CREEMER	19;6-2( )	maternal grandfather
8	Mary Creemer	19;6-2( ),5(2)	maternal aunt
9	Adeline Creemer	19;6-2( ),5(5)	maternal aunt
10	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	brother
11	Augusta Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(0)	sister



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JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	
b.14 Nov 1822 Savannah, GA	
age 29	
d.11 Jan 1889 Laurel Grove Cem.	
age 66 Paterson, NJ	

10;4-1(6)	18
JULIA CLELAND	
b.22 Aug 1824 Manhattanville, New York City, NY	
m.13 May 1852 St. Thomas Church,	
age 27 New York City, NY	
d. 6 Feb 1896 Laurel Grove Cem.	
age 71 Paterson, NJ	

JOHN JACOB MESSERVE 5;4-2(4) JULIA CLELAND 10;4-1(6)

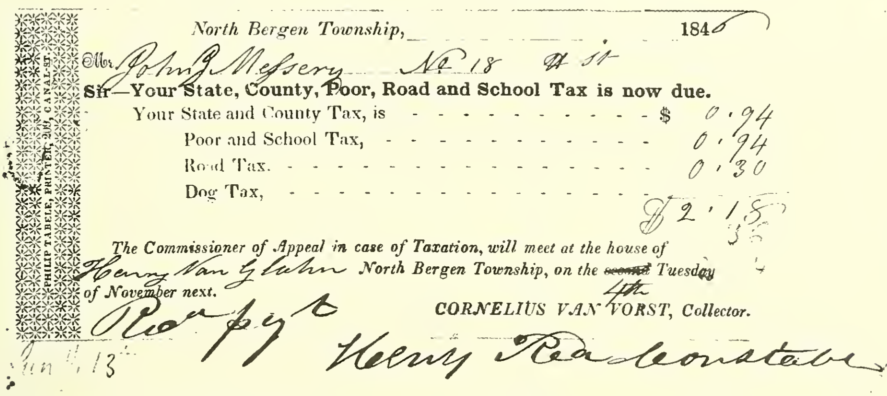
JOHN was born in Savannah, GA, on 14 November 1822. No information has been found that would indicate how long he lived there and explain the circumstances of his move to the New York City area. At age 14, JOHN was employed in New York:

"New York October 25 1837 The Bearer of this JOHN J. MESSERVE has been in my employment since March last and now leaves me in consequence of my having no further occasion for him. I have found him attentive & industrious and have no doubt of his honesty & correctness.

Robert Hart
No 189 Broadway

26th April 1837"

A tax bill from North Bergen Township for 1846 provides us with the earliest evidence that JOHN is living in Hoboken, NJ.



North Bergen Township, 1846

Mr. John J. Messery No 18

Sir—Your State, County, Poor, Road and School Tax is now due.

Your State and County Tax, is	$ 0.94
Poor and School Tax,	0.94
Road Tax,	0.30
Dog Tax,	
	$2.18

The Commissioner of Appeal in case of Taxation, will meet at the house of Henry Van Glahn *North Bergen Township, on the* ~~second~~ 4th *Tuesday of November next.*

CORNELIUS VAN VORST, Collector.

Rec'd pay't Henry Read Constable

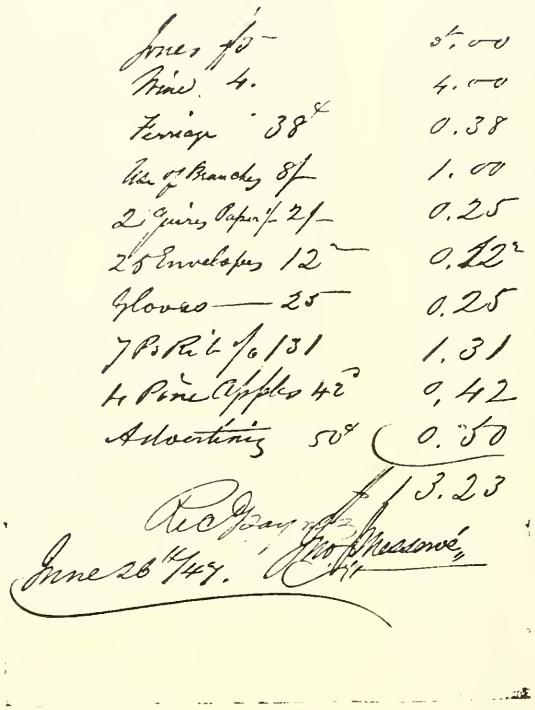
The only other reference to JOHN is from a receipt dated 31 October 1846:

"Rec'd N. York Oct. 31. 1846 from Mr. JOHN J MESSERVE eighty two 50/100 Dollars for Six months Intr on his Bond this is a dupiate receipt of one on the Bond
James Swan"

Another receipt signed by Swan is dated 6 January 1847:

"Rec'd New York Jany 6th 1847 from JOHN J MESSERVY Ten Dollars being mony Paid for him on Policy no 53°987 and up to the 21st day of September 1847 at noon
James Swan"

On 26 June 1847, JOHN signed a receipt, on the back of which was noted, the items were used at his brother William's wedding: 1



Jones $5	5.00
Wine 4.	4.00
Ferriage 38¢	0.38
Use of Branches 8/	1.00
2 Quires Paper 1/ 2/	0.25
25 Envelopes 12	0.12
Gloves — 25	0.25
7 Pr Rib 1/6 131	1.31
4 Pine Apples 42	0.42
Advertising 50¢	0.50
	$13.23

Rec Payment
June 26th/47. Jno Messervé

It appears that JOHN is working in some relationship to his brother Abraham's business according to a receipt dated 25 October 1847: 2

"New York October 25 1847 from J J MESSERVE (?) - A C Messerve thirteen dollars in full to date for Books and Repairs

J M Sexton"

The Indenture dated 9 October 1848 lists JOHN as a resident of the Village of Hoboken, NJ at the time of his purchase of land in the Township of Dingman, Pike County, PA. The only other reference to this land is a brief recollection expressed by Abraham in his letter from San Francisco to JOHN in New York on 13 July 1851: 2

"I thought of the Fair at Milford Pike Co I Know you remember it, and do you remember to walk we (you & myself) took along by the De(l)aware River, my happies hours when I reflect up on Some of the events of my past life, in all of my reflections you appear to be a counterpart of myself"

A short note from JOHN to JULIA CLELAND, although undated, appears to have been written prior to their marriage on 13 May 1852:

This Indenture, MADE THE Ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty Eight BETWEEN John T Cross of Milford Pike County Pennsylvania and Hellen M his wife of the one part and John J. Messerve of the village of Hoboken Hudson County State of New Jersey

Of the other part, **Witnesseth** That the said John T Cross and Hellen M his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Six hundred dollars lawful money of the United States of America, unto them well and truly paid at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said John J Messerve his Heirs and Assigns, all that Certain piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in the Township of Dingman County of Pike and State of Pennsylvania at a place called Abrahams plains on a Branch of the Reamers Kill Beginning at a Stone thence by lands formerly of Abraham Shimers being a part of said Tract of land North fifty five degrees west Eighty Eight perches and a half to a Stone for a Corner thence South thirty five degrees West one hundred and twenty three perches and one quarter to a part for a Corner, Thence South Twenty degrees East four hundred and thirty eight perches to a Stone for Corner Thence South Seventy five degrees East ninety perches to a small chesnut for a Corner Thence South fifty five degrees East Twenty four perches to a small black oak for a Corner Thence Thirty degrees West one hundred and six perches to a white oak for a Corner Thence North fifteen degrees West two hundred and forty one perches to a Stone for a Corner Thence North Twenty five degrees East Thirty perches to a Stone for Corner Thence North five degrees West one hundred and twenty perches to the place of Beginning Containing three hundred and Six acres and allowance of six per cent for Roads & the same more or less being part of a larger Tract of land surveyed in pursuance of a Warrant granted to Abraham Shimer dated the 15th of September 1784 and which the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by letters Patent dated the 3d of May 1793 granted to the said Abraham Shimer and which the said Abraham Shimer by Deed bearing date the 29th of December 1795 Conveyed to Manuel Vanetten in fee and which the said Manuel Vanetten by deed dated the 18th of March 1816 granted and Conveyed to John Cross and Joseph Converse and which the said Joseph Converse by deed dated the 22d of November 1816 granted and Conveyed his undivided one half to the said John Cross and the same land which Juliann Cross administratrix with the Will annexed of the said John Cross by deed dated the 2d of August 1824 granted and Conveyed to George Biddis and which the said George Biddis by deed dated the 24th of August 1828 granted and Conveyed to James Wallace in trust for Juliann Cross and which the said Juliann Cross by deed dated the 23d of June 1845 granted and Conveyed to the said John T Cross Reference unto the above recited deeds, all of which are duly recorded will more fully appear

Together With all and singular the improvements, ways, waters, water-courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of them the said said parties of the first part in law, equity or otherwise, howsoever, of, in and to the same and every part thereof; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD The said above described land hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the Second part his heirs and assigns, To And For the only proper use and behoof of the said party of the Second part his heirs and assigns forever.

AND THE SAID John T Cross for himself his heirs, executors and administrators, DOth by these presents, covenant and agree to and with the John J Messerve his heirs and assigns, that he the said John T Cross his heirs, all and singular the hereditaments and premises herein above described and granted, or mentioned and intended so to be, with the appurtenances unto the said John J Messerve his heirs and assigns, against him the said John T Cross his heirs, and against all and every other person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof [illegible] shall and will WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND.

In Witness Whereof The said parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their Hands and Seals, DATED the day and year first above written.

John T Cross

SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF US

[illegible]

RECEIVED The day of the date of the above Indenture, of the above named John J Messerve the full consideration above mentioned.

Pike COUNTY, SS

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 9th day of October Anno Domini, 1848 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace [illegible] came the above named John T Cross and Hellen M his wife and acknowledged the above written indenture to be their act and deed, and desired that the same might be recorded as such according to law. The said Hellen M being of full age, and by me duly examined separate and apart from her said husband, and the contents thereof being first made known to her, declared that she did voluntarily and of her own free will and accord seal, and as her act and deed, delivered the said indenture, without any coercion or compulsion of her said husband. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year above written

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MESSERVE

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"I see that Dombey & Son is to be played to-night If you please we'll go & see Burton is rich in Capt. Cuttle we shall have a treat of "family day" in high life - I propose this for your gratification I saw it some time since - but shall feel pleased if it should afford you any pleasure - therefore please yourself & it will be all right with me

Yours Truly
J.J.MESSERVE

It is not clear whether A. C. Messerve & Company is operating. Business receipts dated up to 17 February 1849 are adjacent to a collection beginning from 18 October 1852. In that interval, neither Abraham nor JOHN mention the Company name. Abraham's reference to business in New York in his letter of 16 June 1850 does not make it clear what JOHN is doing: 2

"I am glad to see in your Last Letter 28th March that you write in Good Spirits you must go ahead in buisness try and save all you can live comfortable Get all the information in that buisness you can. (you say you are doing so)"

Abraham's next letter from San Francisco to JOHN on 27 June 1850, does give us a clue: 2

"I thought it best for you to make arrangements with Mills & Co for another year"

An indication that JOHN and JULIA are engaged to be married is found in the letter, written from New York City, on 5 August 1850, by Elizabeth F. Ward to JULIA, who is staying with her sister, Mary, in Madison, CT: 64 4

"Mag says tell you that she was up to Uncles one day last week and your dearly beloved JOHN was there, and offered to come home with, but she was affraid you would be Jealous, so she trotted off without him." 7,23

Apparently, JOHN was planning to see JULIA in Madison according to another quotation from Elizabeth's letter: 64

"JULIA do write soon and let me know if you have seen any thing of JOHN up around them diggins for I am awfully troubled, for fear he will get all his visit made before I get there do coax him to stay untill I come, wont you"

The comments by Abraham in his letter to JOHN of 23 October 1850 reflect JOHN's dissatisfaction with his work in New York City and his suggestion that he join Abraham in San Francisco: 2

"---- I received you Letter dated 10 & 11th Sept. you mention Something about your coming to California, now that is a great question before me and has been for a Long time I have many and various reasons why you Should not come and many in favour of your coming but heretofore I made up my mind you had better Stay in New York and do what you could if you only made a liv-

ing I would be perfectly satisfied I thought I would Stay here and do all I could and send you all the money I could make and after you paid Old Swan off and you got considerable experience in the ? and Jobbing buisness you could make a Selection of the best costomers and we could go on our own Hook ---- It requires a Big Capital here to do any sort of buisness. Remember the place unseen is always better then the place already Seen. there is a man Lockwood here from Jenning in Broadway with some Clothing he is doing very well I believe ---- could you get a Lot of Clothing on consignment (not on credit) no sumer clothing) Could you trade that 256 Acres for white lead or Oil or turpentine or for almost any Kind of Goods Sells well here now, I only mention this you need not Kill yourself to send me anything I thought if you could get something Started it would warrant you to come out here ---- your Friend Johnson done very well here I beleive you ought to have a talk with him, ---- I do want you to Settle Old Swan off before you think of Leaving New York ----"

Abraham's letter of 13 December 1850 to JOHN continues the story in the same manner: 2

"I can appreciate your Staying home and following a business you do not like, and then only make a living ---- Suppose you try and engage for another year do so my dear Boy I am with you ---- Stick it out one more year Keep up your Spirits and go right Straight a long ----"

JOHN answered Abraham's letter on 23 January 1851. So many words are scratched out, our copy is probably just a draft: 2

"I received yours of the 13th Dec. by the hand of Mr. Cherry who left it at the store during a temporary absense ---- You say that you will not be able to send any more Gold dust. Since I heard of your going into buisness with Baker I have not expected any ---- I called upon Wm & Ann with Marr and took tea" 1,5, 6

There was nothing in JOHN's letter (or at least his draft) to explain his unhappiness in his work. Since it takes up to two months for letters to cross the continent, by the time an answer reaches the initiator of the referenced subject, that subject may no longer be of interest. Whatever the reason, Abraham does not let it go as we see in his next letter to JOHN on 27 January 1851: 2

"Marr wrote me you were in good Spirits and was likely to do well. how that part of her letter did cheer me; I wrote you in a former letter that I thought it best for you to make arrangements with Mills & Co for another year I now have some hope to that effect. I still beleive it, the best thing you can do for us. It will give me more time to See what I can do here, I am quite anxious to have a letter from you on your return. I know how you feel in your Situation it must be anything but pleasent but keep a Good heart," 6

JOHN was on a business trip in New York State when he wrote from Utica on 26 November 1851 to "Friend JULIA":

"I have had a pleasant time so far I spent the Sabbath in Schenectady, went to church all day & evening visited the College grounds (Union College) in the afternoon it is situated on a commanding hill and from it have a very beautiful prospect of the surrounding country at the west of Schenectady I saw plenty of snow but in the city there was none, The President of the College Dr. Nott was at church sunday morning he is a venerable old gentleman the college contain some two hundred & thirty students - forty of whom are in the graduating class. I visited one other hill south of the City which overlooks the entire country around about Schenectady - left early monday morning for amsterdam there is nothing worth noting here - It is a flourishing country town - next I proceeded to Fonda the court town of Montgomery Co. It was court week - I arrived in the night being very full at the Hotel had to put up with two Lawyers in my room after hearing a good deal about demurred - and pleas - upon pleas which was to be the ammunition of the respective parties on the morrow. amid all this, I went to Sleep, at 11 oclock next morning started for Fort Plain this is quite a town but is very country to my eye - It set in for a regular old fashion Snow storm I took the cars once more for this place where I arrived last night to Supper on board of the cars was miss Catherine Hayes she stops at this house and gives a concert in Utica tonight - If you were here I would propose going - I suppose you think I can ask with perfect safety as to your excepting my invitation It has been Snowing all day & now there is snow to the depth of eight inches making beautiful sleighing really if you were here I would give you a ride - I have finish reading Yeast I cannot say what I think of it, I expected it would have ended differently - I must defer the exposition till I see you. In the meantime I would be happy to receive a line from you I will note my progress so that you can direct to me. I will leave Utica to morrow night for Rome leave Rome for Syracuse on friday & saturday night leave for auburn stay in auburn over sunday Monday noon start for Waterloo tuesday night for Seneca falls wednesday noon for Geneva thursday night for Vienna friday - noon Canandaigua saturday noon for Rochester - & leave there monday night -

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving I hope it will be very pleasant one to you you must eat a good hearty dinner & be thankful -- I have a mind that you buy me a chance in the "art Union" when if I only should be lucky well I shall not calculate -- and if we draw any thing we'll go shares may be you had better not say any thing about this - & If we should happen to have any thing worth while we will surprise the folks yours very truly Direct to J.J. MESSERVE' Eagle Hotel. Rochester. N.Y."

We end the year with the record that on 30 December 1851, JOHN signed, as a witness, the Marriage Certificate for his sister, AMANDA, and ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD. 10,11

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Miss Julia Cleland
No 167 Greenwich
New York
N.Y.

In his "Dear JULIA, Yours truly J.J.MESSERVE'" style we are treated to another of his invitations during their courtship written 25 February 1852:

"I should be pleased to attend the Meeting in Commemoration of James Fenimore Cooper that is to take place at the Metropolitan Hall this evening, and if it is agreeable & you can postpone your engagements for the Occasion & go with me, doubtless will afford you much pleasure. I think it will form an epoch in our lives that we can look back to with the greatest interest but still I do not wish to lay impediments in way of you engagements whereby you may be censured and that too, - by those you esteem very highly, I see by the call of the Meeting that many distinuished persons are to be present, and such a galaxy of talent as this promises to be - I feel that we ought not to let it pass without improving the opportunity - hoping the Spirit of Genious that shall be called together to do homage to the memory of Cooper may be so great and diffusive that some small particle by chance may fall upon my humble self and even should I possess no more of that natural soil for its growth than Marble - still it may afford additional incentives to high and lofty aspirations - and who knows what time may bring forth - yet the more I seem to learn, the less I feel to know."

In JOHN's diary, we find this short entry on 13 May 1852:

"Married at St. Thomas Church 8. ock PM by the Rev G T Bedell of the Church of the Ascention"

A note from JOHN dated 17 May 1852 to Rt Rev H. I. Whitehouse provides us with some details:

"Dear Sir
I herewith send you the names of the witnesses of ceremony which took place in St Thomas Church - May 13th 1852 Brother Rev G. T. Bedell

JOHN J. MESSERVE
to JULIA CLELAND

Witnesses
Wyllis Blackstone
John W. C. Leveridge 14
J. Doremus Mills

looking to you as the author of the consummation of this happy event
I remain very truly your obt sert.
JOHN J. MESSERVE
Hudson St
Hoboken, NJ"

The note is reproduced on the following page:

New York May 17 1852

Rt Rev H I Whitehouse

Dear Sir

I herewith send you the [illegible] of the witnesses of Cere[illegible] which took place in St [illegible] Church [illegible] Rev G. T. Bed[illegible]
May 3rd 1852

John J Messervé
to Julia Cleland

Wyllis Blackstone
John W. C. Leverid[illegible]
J Doremus Mills

looking to you a[illegible] author of the consummation of this happy event
I remain very truly your obt servt.

John J Messervé
Hudson St
Hoboken N.J.

The young couple did not start on their honeymoon trip until 1 July 1852 so we turn again to JOHN's diary for some interesting news during the month of June. The first entry is on 7 June 1852:

> "Lyon Confectioner occupied the Store Greenwich St after ACM & Co left it"

The entry on 10 June 1852 refers to JOHN's brother, William: 1

"WEM Declines from the smallness of the interest allowed in the business - He takes a salary instead - only as long as he can do better & give two weeks notice when he wishes to quit"

It becomes apparent in JOHN's entry on 21 June 1852 that he has been quite active in a business organization:

"Meeting of the Workingman's Asso. made JJM se pro tem"

A major step in JOHN's business career was entered in the briefest fashion on 22 June 1852:

"Signed Co-partnership agreement with A. C. Messerve' & Witnesseth by Elmore Thompson Chauncy do (ditto) & W E Messerve" 1

A social note follows on 23 June 1852:

"had a little party at home - Mrs CLELAND Mr E. T & Chauncey Wm J Messerve Wm & Charley Mr Idel & two sisters treated the Company to Ice Cream & strawberries all past off very pleasantly" 12 13,1

Finally, an exceedingly important entry on 24 June related to the history of the three brothers and A. C. Messerve & Company:

"ACM & WEM left in the steamer Cherokee for San Francisco all in good spirits" 2,1

JOHN kept a detailed record of "Disbursements during a tour to the West from July 1st to July 31st inclusive", a reduced two page copy of which follows the description of his honeymoon which we quote from his diary:

"1 July 1852 Left N.Y. in the Steamer Henry Clay, disembarked at Hastings, took H.R.R.R. arrived in Albany at ½ past 1 o'clk P.M. - dined at 2 retired at 3 - rose at 5½ - commenced raining hard at 6.P.M. tea, 7 o'clk"

2 July 1852 Visited State House, Normal School, Geological Rooms - & call at the Idiot Asylum (Dr. Barber,) arrived in Troy ½ past 4 o'clck, went on Mount Ida, had a view of the city, saw a waterfall"

3 July 1852 Went to Albany to see Mrs Waterman Left Troy 4½ o'clck for Whitehall, passing through Saratoga, arriving at 8 o'clck stopped at the Phenix Hotel."

We read a bit of history in the next day's entry:

"4 July 1852 St. Paul's Episcopal Ch. Mr Phelps Num XIV, 7,8 Baptist Ch - Abolition discourse Methodist - Prayer Meeting Went up Keane Mtn 600 ft. high Phenix Hotel, Whitehall, very pleasant day"

5 July 1852 Left Whitehall 1 o'clock, on board the Steamer R. W. Sherman for Rouse's Pt. Went thence in the cars to Montreal"

On that day, JOHN entered what appear to be successive ports of call: Benson and Orwell, VT, Ticonderoga, Crown Point, Port Henry, Burlington, VT, Port Kent and Plattsburg.

"6 July 1852 Visited Mount Royal, Bellevue Garden, Notre Dame Cathedral & other Churches, Grey Sister's Nunnery, Champ de Mars, Water Works, Lachine Canal & Locks, Bishop's Palace & Church, the Banks, ruins of the old Parliament House, the Nunnery of the Black Sisters, Hotel Dieu. left in "Lady Elgin at 7½ o'clk for Quebec."

7 July 1852 arrived at Quebec at 7 o'clk A.M. - visited the Citadel & Parliament House - Wolfe and Montcalm's monuments, also Gen Wolfe's monument of "Plains of Abraham. - the Cathedral & St Rock Church - Falls of Montmorenci, saw the spot where Montgomery fell - left in the "Lady Elgin", at 7 o'clk for Montreal"

8 July 1852 Arrived at Montreal at ½ past 9 o'clk discovered a fire at about 9 o'clock which proved to be in the St Lewis Suburbs - looked to be, from the tower of Notre Dame, some two or 3 acres, some say 120, others 200 and 300 houses - mostly among mechanics, the houses were all of poorer class. The Hospital & Bishop's Palace were in danger. visited the Market - & City Council Rooms"

9 July 1852 Arrived at Fort Ti., at ½ past 3 o'clk A.M. - a most lovely morning - birds singing sweetly - fragrance of the sweet briar is delightful - Locust Grove Woods at ½ past 11 o' clk. lay out under the trees on the grass with the Lake at our feet & Mount Independence opposite."

On separate pages, JOHN continued the account of the day's story:

"Breakfasted at 5 o'clk & then walked out to view the Fort Ti, walked around the redoubt & trench, one thorne tree growing in the trench N. of the Bastion from which collected thorns & several nails. We proceeded to visit a room under ground wh was used for a bake-shop for the garrison; it was entirely underground and arched with solid masonry. It contained two bake ovens. The boy described to us the mode of capture by Ethan Allen, and shewed us the pass through which he came to surprise the inmates of the Fort."----

JOHN goes on to explain the history of the battle at the Fort. We pick up his travels as his tour ends:

"Left Ti, in a stage to Lake George at ¼ before 3 o'clk and arrived at ¼ to 4 o'clk took steamboat "John Jay" to Caldwell, staid over night & started next morning for Glens-Falls."

10 July 1852 Left Lake House at 4 o'clk A.M. and arrived at Glens Falls at 6. to Breakfast. then started for Moreau & took the cars at ½ past 7 o'clk, arrived in Saratoga at ½ past eight, left in the car at 1. P.M. for Schenectady to dine, left in 5 o'clk train for Amsterdam and arrived in Utica at ½ ten P.M."

11 July 1852 Baggs Hotel Utica, N.Y. Went to Trinity Ch. Rev. ". Proal. Hebrews XIII. 26 & 27 v. saw canal-boat weighed, in our walk before Ch. The weather is very warm the hottest day we have experienced."

12 July 1852 Went to Trenton Falls. dine at ½ past 2. Saw the different falls & collected some specimens. Left for Utica at 6½ o'clk, arrived at ½ past nine. distance 14 miles."

13 July 1852 Visited the Woolen Factory, and Lunatic Asylum, Utica, containing 468 patients, subscribed to their periodical. Length of the Building 560 ft. depth 30 ft. Left for Rome at 9½ o'clk. A.M. Dined at Rome, and arrived at Syracuse at 2 P.M. (distance 40 miles) one hour after starting. Visited the Salt Works."

14 July 1852 Left S. for Auburn, arrived to Dinner, visited the State Prison. Left with Miss Sheer in the afternoon, for Vienna, to spend the night there and return in the morning to Geneva."

15 July 1852 Arrived in Geneva, at 9. A.M. attended the Hobart College Commencement; went at 3. P.M. to Trinity Church, and heard an address. At 5. P.M. went on a steamboat excursion up Seneca Lake, returned to the Hotel at eight."

16 July 1852 At 7. A.M. left Geneva for Waterloo. returned after dinner. Called on Mrs G. Lee, and took tea at her house, - took a pleasant ride, - returning to the Hotel in the evening, heard Cathe Hayes."

17 July 1852 Left Geneva this morning for Rochester, where we arrived at 9 o'clock A.M. Left Geneva at 7 o'clock A.M. and had a view of Canandaigua & of the Lake. Building of the new Hotel, the Depot of the New York & Erie R.R. and arrived in Rochester, at 9 o'clock put up at the Eagle Hotel, had front room No 13.- After dinner visited the Court House and mounted the tower; had a fine view of the city, its River, Mills, Churches, Hotels, the R.R. Depot, the House of Refuge, and Lake Ontario in the distance. Took a ride out to Mount Hope Cemetery, and around it, then to the Lake, then to the Lower Falls, then to the Hotel to tea, and retired early."

18 July 1852 Went to St. Lukes Church, Rochester. Rev. Henry W. Lee, the Rector, preached from Exodus III. 4th v. upon the "Burning Bush". Evening to St. Pauls Church. Saw the Gennessee Fall looks like part of Niagara."

19 July 1852 Attended to business all day, in the evening, walked out on the Canal, (Rochester) constructed of massive mason work, - saw also a species of saw mill called the "Yankee"

20 July 1852 Left in the Cars at 9½ o'clock for Brockport; Visited there Miss Gibbs, & took a pleasant walk out to the Female Seminary. returning, passed part of the evening at Mrs Knight's, and the remainder at Miss Gibbs:"

21 July 1852 Left in the cars for Albion, and that place in

the next train for Lockport,- visited there the magnificent canal-locks, flour mill, etc. etc."

22 July 1852 Left Lockport in the cars for Niagara and arrived there at 10. A.M. went down to the ferry, had a beautiful view of the Falls, then proceeded over to the Clifton House, on the opposite side of the river, where we put up."

On another page, JOHN continues his story of the day:

"First day at Niagara; view of the Am. Fall at the point from the Ferry, & the Horse-Shoe Fall in a line. The whole Fall has the shape of a grass sickle, the American Fall being the handle, Goat Island the iron between the handle and the blade and the Horse-Shoe Fall the curve of the blade.- Saw the little Steamer "Maid of the Mist," coming down from the Falls. After dinner, at 5. P.M. took a carriage and rode to the Battle ground of Lundy's Lane, mounted the tower of 106 steps. This tower stands on very high ground, and from its top, through a glass, we saw distinctly, Brock's monument 7 miles distant. a Capt Roberts, an old ex-British soldier, gave us the particulars of the Battle. From there, went to the Burning Spring, thence to Table Rock, then to the Hotel to tea, after which we were regaled till ten o' clock, by music furnished by the House."

23 July 1852 Visited "Cave of the Winds," Goat Island, Luna Island the "Biddle Stair Case, the Tower, the three Islands, and the cascades."

24 July 1852 Visited Brock's Monument, Queenstown heights, Large Suspension Bridge, "Devil's Hole", "Whirlpool", Upper Suspension Bridge. After dinner went down to Table Rock."

25 July 1852 Went to St Peter's Church Niagara Falls Rev Wm English of Buffalo preached from Matt. XVIII 1st verse After church went round the south end of Goat Island had a beautiful view of Cascades between one of the 3 Islands & Goat Island & it was a romantic place."

26 July 1852 JULIA went under the great sheet. - we saw a young woman taken from under the "Horse-Shoe Falls", she went over on Thursday morning before (an Awful sight) Went on the "Maid of the Mist", also round Goat Island again."

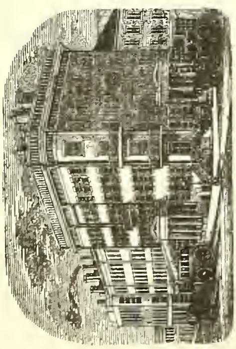
27 July 1852 Went over to Niagara to the celebration of the Battle of Lundy's Lane & returned to dinner."

28 July 1852 Went on the Camp ground, saw the Review of the troops by Gov Hunt, and a manoeuvre of the Cleveland Ringgold flying Artillery. Saw Gov. Hunt, Gen. Whitney etc. Left Niagara at 2½ P.M. for Buffalo. Visited the harbor, Steamer "Ocean"

29 July 1852 Left Buffalo at 6 for Batavia, On return went to Cold Spring, Left "Mansion House", Buf. at 1. P.M. for Elmira when we arrived at ½ past 12 P.M. (arrived at Dunkirk at 5½ P.M. and left immediately for Elmira.)

30 July 1852 Visited the Water Cure Establishment at Elmira, and left E. at ½ past 1. o'clk. P.M. Arrived at Owego and left at ½ past 3, arrived at Port Jervis at 9 o'clock P.M."

31 July 1852 Rode to Milford, visited Mr. & Mrs Utter, and Mr. & Mrs Dimmock. Mr Wallace etc."



EAGLE HOTEL,

Rochester, July 20 1852

Mr Messerve

To S. D. WALBRIDGE, Dr.

To 3 Days Board Self & Lady	9.00
" Linen	2.00
	$11.00

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OF

NIAGARA FALLS

AND

VICINITY.

BY F. H. JOHNSON,
A resident at the Falls.

BUFFALO:
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1849.

Disbursements during a Tour to the West
from July 1st to [illegible] 31st inclusive
1852.

	$
1st Fare in the "Henry Clay"	1.00
Porter	.25
Paper	.04
Difference in H. R. R.	2.00
Porter	.25
3rd Portage	.03
Bill at Stanwix Hall	3.00
Porter	.12
Papers	.06
Fare to Troy 7 & 7	.88
3d Return to Albany	.37
Bill at the "Troy House"	4.00
Fare to Whitehall	3.50
Porterage	.37
4th	.10
Stamps	.09
5th Bill at "Phoenix Hotel	5.00
Porter	.12
Fare to Rouse's Point	3.00
Dinner on board the R. W. Graham	1.00
Fare to Montreal	3.00
6th Guide Book	.50
Refreshments	.25
Purchases at the Grey Nunnery	1.25
Carriage	3.00
Telegraph	.50
Fare to Quebec	3.00
7th Fare to Montmorence	2.00
Toll	.22
Citadel	.25
To Boy & Girl	.05
Bill at Russell's Hotel	3.00
8th Fare from Quebec to Montreal	3.00
Tower of "Notre-Dame"	.50
Telegraph	1.00
Discount	.50
Bill at "Montreal House	5.50
Fare to Rouse's Point	3.00
Fare to Ticonderoga	3.00
Tea on Steam [illegible]	[illegible]
9th Breakfast & Dinner at Ti.	2.00
Stage to Lake George	1.00
Relics of Old Ti.	.60
Fare to Caldwell in the [illegible]	3.00
Amt carried over	68.16

Amount brought up	68.16
10th Bill at "Lake House	2.00
Stage to Glens Falls	1.00
Breakfast at " "	.75
Stage to Moreau	.50
Fare to Schenectady	2.50
Tea at Amsterdam	.38
Fare to Utica	3.12
Porter	.25
12th Carriage to Trenton Falls	5.00
Book	.50
Dinner	1.50
13th Bill at "Bagg's Hotel"	6.25
Fare to Syracuse	2.12
Dinner in Rome	1.00
14th Bill at Hotel in Syracuse	2.00
Fare to Auburn	1.30
Bill at Hotel in Auburn	1.00
Visit to Prison	.50
Fare to Vienna	1.80
15th Fare to Geneva	.40
16th Fare to Waterloo	.20
17th Bill at "Franklin House"	6.00
Carriage	1.00
Fare to Rochester	2.60
Toll & Court House	.31
Handkerchiefs & Veil	1.75
Porterage Geneva & Auburn	.50
Dinner at Waterloo	.25
Book	.75
20th Carriage to Lake Ontario	2.00
Bill at "Eagle Hotel"	4.00
Handkerchiefs	.88
Fare to Niagara	1.50
Book	.25
21st Bill at Hotel in Brockport	2.00
Stage	.50
Sherry Cobbler	.12
Telegraph	.43
Cherries	.04
Book	.12
Newspaper	.05
Amount carried over	135.28

	Amt. brought over	133 28
22nd	"American Hotel." Lockport	2.00
	Porter	.25
	Ferriage at Niagara	.38
	Carriage	1.25
	Toll	.05
	Stone at Burning Spring	.06
	Fee at " "	.25
	"Lundy's Lane" Tower	.50
23d	Ferriage	.38
	Book	.25
	Entrance to "Cave of the Winds"	2.00
	Ferriage	.38
	Bridge at Goat Island	.50
24th	Carriage to Devil's Hole etc	3.00
	Queenstown Suspension Bridge	.75
	Devil's Hole	.50
	Whirlpool	.50
	Guide	.25
	Upper Suspension Bridge	1.00
	Toll Gates	.10
	Stamps	.06
	Fossil Specimen	.25
25th	Ferriage	.25
"	"	.38
"	Carriage	.25
	Dress for going under Sheet of Water	.50
	Suspension Bridge	.50
	Carriage to "	.50
	"Maid of the Mist"	1.25
	Carriage to Niagara	.50
	Ferriage	.38
	Card Basket etc	1.62
	Carriage	.25
27th	Ring	.50
	Ferriage	.69
	Bill at Schenectady	1.75
28th	Ferriage	.50
	Porter	.25
	Fare to Buffalo	1.22
	Paper	.04
	Stage	.31
	Amt carried up	159 58

	Amount brot up	159 58
29th	Bill at "Mansion House"	4.00
	Fare to Batavia	2.00
	Tickets to New York	8.50
	Bill at Clifton House	24.00
	Porter	.25
	Supper at Olean	.50
	Sight of Elmira	.50
	Board at Branard's	3.00
	Porter	.25
	Bill at Quassaick Hotel	1.00
	Carriage to Milford	2.00
	Ferriage across the Delaware	.25
	Supper at Narrowsburg	.50
	Supper at Furnes	.50
	Express for Baggage to Ferry	.25
	Porter from Ferry, Home	.15
"	St Peter's Ch.	1.00
		$207.33

During JOHN and JULIA's trip, JULIA's sister Margaret writing from New York on 7 July 1852, acknowledged the receipt of a letter from JULIA and her report of an "accident" but we know nothing about the incident: 7

"Your first letter reached us in due time, informing us of the accident, we had not heard of and were very happy to know of it from you first."

Our young couple heard twice from JOHN's mother during their trip: the first from Hoboken on 8 July 1852: 6

"I received your kind letter last evening and was very happy to hear of your good health and that you seem to be enjoying yourselves on your jorney and was much pleased with the description you gave of all you have seen and am much oblig'd to for the rose you sent and shall take good care of it. ---- You must try and enjoy yourself and not trouble yourself about home I trust we shall do well untill you return ---- Heaven Bless you and keep you safe is the prayer of your Mother"

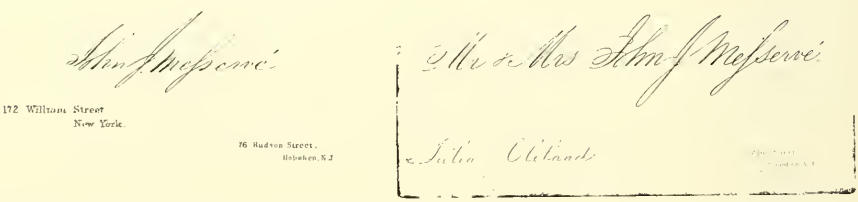
and then on 17 July 1852, also from Hoboken; addressed to JULIA:

"I received your kind letter last evening and was happy to hear of your good health and that you appeared to be enjoying yourselfs This I want you to do and return home benifit'd by your travel. ---- Heaven Bless you my children and keep you safe is the prayer of your Mother."

then adding a note addressed to JOHN:

"I am much pleased to hear that you enjoy your health and jorney but I look forward with much pleasure when I shall see you and JULIA home once more but do not hurry yourself try and take all the comfort you can this will make me happy"

JULIA and JOHN began their life together at home on Hudson Street, Hoboken, NJ.



On 17 August 1852, JULIA received a letter from her sister, Fanny, who was visiting their sister, Mary, in Madison, CT: 8 4

"I suppose you had a delightful journey, everything looks so pleasant at this season of the year ---- it has called my own wedding journey to my mind

We are expecting you and Becca next week. ---- I am sorry you can't be here on your birthday. Mary was just saying you had been here every birthday but one since you came from France" 9 4

JULIA's birthday is 22 August. She returned from France in 1844.

JULIA was visiting her sister, Mary, in Madison, CT, when she wrote on 2 September 1852, this lovely letter to JOHN which we copy in its entirety: 4

"My dear Husband,

There, read that again will you? it is the first time I have ever written it, and whatever sensation it may produce in you I dont know, but, when I read it over after writing it, it sent the same thrill through my frame, that I experienced once when you gave one a kiss. (when I see you, I'll tell you which one.) Before I write one line more, promise me you will let no one at all see this letter; if you don't, I will destroy this and begin again; for the expression of my secret thoughts and feelings of this nature, is only for your own inspection. You will indulge me in this, won't you? dont you see, I have you with both hands, and I will not let you go until you have promised: but I might remember that you never will promise anything: So I must leave it with your honor JOHNNIE, (and that you think not a little of,) and trust you will heed my request.

We arrived here safe and sound, Saturday evening at 9 o'clock, instead of eight, as we should have done. The train of cars from New York to New Haven was so long and heavy, that we came at snail's pace, comparatively, and did not reach N.H. until eight o'clock. It rained from the time we reached the uptown depot in N.Y. where the cars take on steam, until we got here, (in fact until Monday noon.) it poured all the evening and as we neared this place, it came down "whole water". We stepped immediately into the depot, on leaving the cars, and there found at once numerous friends, and by the time we had looked them over, Mr Wilcox had our baggage ready and in a carriage; into this we stepped, and in a few minutes were at Sister Mary's door. where we found a nice tea waiting for us, and it was very acceptable too. If the weather will admit, (and it is altogether likely it will, as it is very pleasant here now,) we will be at the depot, this Saturday at eight to meet you and "beau you home." — We found all here well and happy — Becky is a little better than she was last week, but, poor child; she needs more rest than she will have time to take before she will be obliged to ply the little steel bar again. I am quite well, what do you think of that? I have kept rather quiet, and if I shall feel as well as I now do, and a little stronger, when I get home, I shall be satisfied, and I think you will. - I intend to be very careful, and do justice to this report of myself. 4 9

Cousin Lizzie has been ailing with dispeptic symptoms almost ever since she came home, and Rosamond has had nervous tooth-ache for about the same length of time. I think they had better go back to New York if they cannot behave better than that. —— I have felt very anxious to know, whether you have yet heard from the Boys, and if you have, what you have heard. There is a 1,2
peculiar feeling attending uncertainty, and sometimes I think, that, while I am contemplating in imagination, how relieved you must all feel by this time and how happy Ma must be at having 6
heard from the wanderers, - perhaps the picture is different, and a cloud may be over the sunshine. I long to know how it is, and hope too you will have heard from AMANDA before you come up. 10
Give my best love to Ma, and tell her, her loneliness and 6
anxieties respecting her scattered tribe, have not long at a time been out of my mind, since I left her. Her welfare and happiness form part of the burden of my every morning and evening petitions, and that she may be blessed and comforted, is a wish that lies very near my heart. Whether I possess the power to contribute to her happiness, I know not: but one thing I do know, the effort on my part shall not be wanting, whatever the result may be. I owe her no small degree of love, that she, as the mother of my beloved, is the author of my happiness as a wife. —— Now, if you find yourself about to pronounce me childish, in this instance, just remember that I am but a child, as regards the married life; but I will add, that if it be childish to love you, as I now do, and occasionally to give expression to my love, then I desire to be childish even to the old age of marriage, down to its very gray hairs."Well, there!" you'll say, "it's all very well, but that's enough of it." Is it JOHNNIE? well then we'll talk about something else. but my old pen, has got the spirit of its mistress, so dont be surprised if you should stumble again over some of the words that belong to the vocabulary of the subject above spoken of. —— JOHN, I had almost forgotten to say that I inadvertently, came away without, I believe, having said a word to Ma, about our contemplated trip to Boston - she may think it was intentional; but I'll tell how it was. You know, when we talked about it Saturday morn'g, it was left a little uncertain, and I, in a measure, dismissed it from my mind; several times, however, in the course of the day, I thought of it, but not when I happened to be where Ma was, and when I was with her I did not think of it, in all the business of getting ready and getting off. Wont you say this to her for me? I am sorry it so happened whether we go or not. —— Now, if it will not be too much of a burden for you, there is one thing I would like to ask you to bring. In the closet in our room, at the left hand, you will find a roll of wall papers, that I picked over some time ago and laid aside to bring to an old lady here, who uses such things to cover boxes, which she makes to give to the children of this place, when she wants to make them a little present for doing favors for her. She is a particular friend of mine, and I will tell you all about her, when I see you, if I have not already. and I will tell you why I did not bring the roll, myself. It will be pretty heavy, and I suppose, rather troublesome to bring: and if you think it would incommode you too much, dont bring it. We have been looking daily for a letter from Sister Margaret, 7
to summon Fanny home, to help gather together the fire-leavings, 8

for the new home; but as yet have received none; so suppose the affair of the purchase of the house, is still in status quo. —

I believe I must stop now, for want of news, in the first place, and time, in the second, this letter should now be on its way to the Post Office. If we go to Boston, I think you had better bring one or two more clean collars with you; I have two. I have dreamed about you, love, these last two nights, so I've seen you if you have not seen me, but I want to see you in my waking moments, and not only in dream-land. The time has passed very quickly here, and yet, it seems a long time we have been parted, (I mean in body, not in spirit.) - Give our love to Ann, 5
and tell her we all and Aunt Fanny, and her girls, and half a dozen other folks are going to spend this afternoon at Delia's. Shall I send you any love? No, you shall come up here for it, if you want it. I shall expect you now; unless I hear to the contrary, Saturday night.

Your own JULIA

AMANDA had left Hoboken to return to Savannah. GA, with her husband, ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD. JOHN reports hearing of her safe arrival and adds news from William and Abraham in San Francisco in his brief letter of 7 September 1852 written "At the Store 4 o ck PM" to JULIA in Madison, CT, but doesn't mention anything about meeting her there as planned. He probably covered arrangements in his earlier letter of the day. 10 11 1,2

Our first record of the renewed activity of A. C. Messerve & Company following the signing of the co-partnership agreement between JOHN and his brother, Abraham, on 22 June 1852, comes from receipts for Company transactions in New York, copies of two of which follow: 2

"New York Oct 18th 1852 Rec'd of A.C.Messerve & Co their two notes @ 7 months Oct 18th for Four hundred and eight 18/100 and @ 6 months same date for Four hundred and eight 17/100 Dollars and indorsed by JOHN J. MESSERVE in full for bill of Carpets, above date

Sparkman & Kelsey"

"Received New York Decr 14/1852 from A C Messerve & Co their Note of Six Months from date endorsed by J J MESSERVE for three hundred and forty one 78/100 Dolls in settlement of bill of 1st inst

Alex'r Fielder"

Apparently, JOHN made some arrangement with his mother in regard to their property in Hoboken, NJ, according to the following receipt dated 8 November 1852: 6

"New York November 8th 1852 Rec'd from Mr JOHN J. MESSERVE Eighty seven 50/100 dollars being the half years interest on Bond & Mortgage given by Mrs DEBORAH MESSERVE on property in Hoboken to 3rd inst. 6

Richard E. Stilwell
Executor"

A similar receipt appears a year later on 22 November 1854.

The purpose and function of the Workingman's Building Association, and the reasons for the interest of the signers of the resolution pictured on the next page are not answered. All we can report is that they appointed JOHN as their true and lawful attorney:

"We the, undersigned members of the Workingman's Building Association Do hereby appoint Mr. JOHN J. MESSERVE' our true and lawful attorney "in fact" in our name and stead to vote in the Elections of the said association - and to all intents and purposes as we would do our-selves given at our consent and under our hand this thirteenth day of November 1852

Rebecca H. Cleland 9
Margaret Cleland 7
JULIA CLELAND 12
JULIA CLELAND MESSERVE
J. D. Mills)
A. C. Messerve) 2
Wm E. Messerve) 1
by J.J.MESSERVE'
Power Atty."

On 31 December 1852, Abraham wrote from San Francisco to JOHN 2
giving us the manner by which the brothers have established a business relationship:

"The samples of paper you Sent by the post office I received all safe, but in future you need not Send any Samples of paper I received the bills of Laden and policies of Insurance all Safe of the Damask but they I regret to Say did not come through with the mail which caused little disappointment to me for I have liked to have them before Christmas, but this is not your fault. ---- The Cheap paper you Speak of I wish you had purchased they would have Sold for a Large proffit and you could made a large Show for $50.----

His next letter to JOHN on 14 January 1853 continues in the same 2
manner:

"---- In relation to my posting you up better abou goods, I know I might have written perhaps more particulars about goods, but Suppose I had written my orders discribing the goods and told you to go and pick up what you thought best for our trade here in quntity & Quality and told you what my Sales were. Now up to this time I am perfectly Satisfied with all I have ordered and what you have sent would it have been as well the other way.---- The orders of Paton & Co laid (of Silk Damask) over in New York two weeks. I got them yesterday all Safe, I like the Patern which Mr Mills and you picked very much ---- I understood in the second letter you wrote me you would or did have $1300. on hand which you would of corse put in the business."

The copy of the invoice form on the following page confirms that 2
JOHN JACOB MESSERVE is a partner with Abraham in the business. This is referred to by Abraham in his next letter to JOHN on 28 February 1853:

"---- the Store never looked better then it does at the present

We the undersigned members of the Workingmans Building Association do hereby appoint Mr John J. Messervé our true and lawful attorney in fact in our name and stead to vote in the Elections of the said association and to all intents and purposes as we would do ourselves given at our consent and under our hand this the thirteenth day of November 1852

Rebecca H. Cleland
Margaret Cleland
Julia Cleland
Julia Cleland Messervé
J. D. Mills
A. C. Messervé
Wm E. Messervé } by J. J. Messervé Power Atty.

MILLINERY,
SILK AND STRAW GOODS,
PAPER HANGINGS,
OIL CLOTH,
Tapestry, Brussels, Three-ply, and Ingrain
CARPETINGS,
Silk and Worsted
CURTAIN MATERIALS,
WINDOW SHADES,
And a general assortment of
Upholstery Articles,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
Rooms Papered with dispatch,
And all orders promptly executed

San Francisco, Cal. Feb 12 1853

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Bought of **A. C. MESSERVÉ & CO.**

{A. C. Messervé, *San Francisco.* No. 128 Clay Street, next door
{J. J. Messervé, *No. 20 John st., New York.* to the Nicaro Hotel

1 Note	$329	50
1 do	329	23
Freight	108	36
Cartage on 10 cases	5	00
Advertisement & Cartage do	15	00
New Boxes for goods	10	00
Gen. Average E. Warbeck	13	00
Porterage	1	72
Premium on Draft to N.Y.	19	74
	$831	57

Amount of Sales to date $831 57

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MESSERVE
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time and if J.J.M. was here he would not be ashamed to be call one of the Firm ---- In answer to your letter I dont Know whither I can Send five Hundred Dollars per month, but think I can ---- you want to have the cosern to be a great firm A C Messerve & Co but I would rather have it Messerve & Brother but I am Satisfied it was your propisition and I Shall do my part to make it a firm what is a firm ----"

A bit of tension between JOHN and Abraham is reflected in his next 2
letter from San Francisco on 14 March 1853:

"---- you Say my letter was dated 31st and post marked 1st I dont Know what you mean unless you think I do not write up to the latest moment.---- you Say my letter caused you to feel rather Blue ---- but it is not very encourageing when a fellow has been Knee deep in mud with a wheel on his back and is just got on hard ground and then receives a letter from his Brother Saying: "Put your Shoulder to the wheel."

JOHN received letters dated 15 March 1853 and 31 May 1853 from Abram 2
restricted to business matters and no news worth quoting. Setting
aside the subject of business, on 3 July 1853, JOHN wrote to JULIA
who was visiting her sister, Mary, in Madison, CT: 4

"Having just returned from church with ma and while I am waiting 6
for dinner, I thought I would write you a line to drop in the post office where I am going after dinner to see if I can get a letter from you, we are well and getting along very well with out you considering no one misses you as much as I do.---- I had some little thought of taking a trip up to see you yesterday & spending the fourth with you, but I felt as though I ought to be around during the fourth to protect the House in case of fire - there is no telling what might happen & besides I want to stay a few days with you when I do come I hope you will enjoy your self as much as you can in my absence When I put this in the office I
am going up to see the 13th str home. I call in & saw ROBERT when 11
I received your letter & informed him of your safe arrival he
said then the folks were well Ma says you must not worry about 6
home for she will take good care of JONNY & you must take good
care of yourself & sends her love to sister Mary give mine in to 4
boot. ---- Mr Dobbins preached a good sermon this morning & must now close as the dinner bell ring I will add a line if a get a letter at the Post office -

I found the Office closed for the day"

Abraham sent JOHN two letters from San Francisco on 15 August 1853, 2
one by mail and the other by express. Both were confined to business matters of little interest to us. In his next letter to JOHN
dated 31 August 1853, Abraham shows the depth of his concern over 2
business conditions by mentioning, whether he is serious or not,
the thought of giving up his business. He continues to be critical
of his brother:

"Your letters by mail and Express were duly received, dated July 17th and 20th I see by these letters that you ought to get from me by this mail $250. or $300. but I shall not be able to Send you any draft at all. for business the last two weeks has been

very dull ---- I wonder you did not Ship more goods from one House when you were Shipping those goods by Flying Cloud for I Know you could have made more then fifty dollars thereby for you Know when you Send a Small Case or package they (the Ship) never measure it by the Cibit feet but generally call it So much and always make themselves on the Safe Side ---- I will do all I can to get it off, but dont Send me any more of this fancy Stuff, and you had better not Send me any more goods without I order them as the market Still continues over Stocked"

The next letter from Abraham to JOHN dated 15 September 1853 is primarily a critique, item by item, favorable and unfavorable, of the goods shipped to him by JOHN and is not of sufficient interest to quote. Abraham seemed quite depressed when he wrote his next letter to JOHN on 29 September 1853: 2 2

"---- I most certainly believe you did your best and under the circumstances I do not believe you could have done better and it is almost impossible for me to give you all the ins and outs of business here So that you may buy to more atvantage for I believe you must learn by experience for it is hard to Say myself what I want untill I learn. Therefore if I were in New York I dont Know that I could under the circumstances have done better, So I want you to Know the fact that I do not attach anything to blame you at all for I Know you have done your best, and no mistake----"

On 1 October 1853, JOHN wrote an instruction to his insurance Company which identifies at least some of his properties:

"Please have my Policies renewed when they expire on houses #10 & #11 of Row of 18. in Bloomfield Place and oblige yours
JOHN J MESSERVE
20 John Street"

His note was returned with the notation:

"These policies do not expire till the 11th Feb 1854"

JOHN and JULIA, on 1 November 1853, signed Deed, Bond & Mortgage for Lot Numbers 15 and 19 in Hoboken, NJ. The Bond was paid and Mortgage cancelled on 3 February 1857. Copies (reduced) of the face page of each of these documents follows this page.

Two receipts have been found which relate to work performed on stated properties; the first on 15 October 1853 and the second on 1 December 1853:

"Received Hoboken October 15/53 of Mr J.J. MESSERVE his check dated Oct 25/53 for Thirty Seven 27/100 dollars in full for Bill of Paving etc in front of Nos. 10 & 11 Bloomfield Place
J. Gardner & Co."

"Hoboken N.J. Dec 1 1853 Received from Mr J.J.MESSERVE' Twenty four 50/100 dollars in full for Painting Houses No 10 & 11 Bloomfield Place and No 25 Irving Place.
Charles Waller"

Printed and Sold by G. [illegible] H. Bell, 158 Nassau St., N. Y.

This Indenture,

made the first day of [illegible] in the year one thousand eight hundred and [illegible] Between

[illegible] of the County of Hudson [illegible] and George [illegible] Messerve [illegible] in the said County of Hudson [illegible] party of the second part [illegible] Eight hundred and fifty [illegible] Commissioners [illegible] Eight hundred and fifty three [illegible] Eighteenth day of May [illegible] Eighteen hundred and fifty three [illegible] the sum of Eight hundred and Eighty dollars [illegible] Eighteen hundred and fifty three [illegible]

Now this Indenture Witnesseth, That the said parties of the first part by virtue of the authority in them vested as Commissioners and — — — — — for and in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred and Eighty dollars — — — — lawful money of the United States of America to them in hand paid, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, convey and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, All those two certain lots of land situate lying and being in the Township of Bergen in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey and which on a Map (made by Samuel H. Gray Surveyor July 11th 1853) of the real estate of which Richard [illegible] died seized made for the Commissioners aforesaid and duly filed in the Clerk's office of Hudson County a copy of which was returned with the report of the said Commissioners are known and distinguished as Lots Numbers Fifteen (15) and Nineteen (19) on Map Number Two of the said Estate. Being Lot Fifteen being One hundred and fifty feet in length on each side and one hundred [illegible] in front and rear and Lot Nineteen One hundred and forty three feet in length on each side and Lot Nineteen being One hundred and six feet six inches on the Southerly side One hundred and fifteen feet on the Northerly side and One hundred and forty three feet in length on the Westerly side.

BOND.

Sold by Robert B. Kissing, No. 1 Cortlandt Buildings, Jersey City.

Know all Men by these Presents, That

I, John J. Messerve of Weehawken in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, are

held and firmly bound unto George Vreeland, Garret Lip and Jacob Hurkirk of the Township of Bergen in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey

in the sum of Ten hundred and fifty six dollars

lawful money of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, to be paid to the said George Vreeland Garret Lip and Jacob Hurkirk

or to their certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns: To which payment well and truly to be made, I bind myself, my Heirs, Executors and Administrators, firmly by these presents. SEALED with my Seal and dated the First day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bounden

John J. Messerve, his

Heirs, Executors and Administrators, or any of them, shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above mentioned George Vreeland, Garret Lip and Jacob Hurkirk

or to their certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, the just and full sum of Five hundred and twenty Eight dollars lawful money aforesaid in three years from the date hereof

with lawful interest for the same to be computed from the date hereof to be paid semi annually, without any fraud or other delay, THEN THIS OBLIGATION TO BE VOID, or else to be and remain in full force and virtue.

SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF [illegible]

[illegible]

Mortgage.

Sold by E. B. Kashow, No. 4 Commercial Buildings, Jersey City.

This Indenture, made the *First* day of

November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and *Fifty three*

Between *John Messerve and Julia C. his wife*

of the *Township* of *Hoboken* in the County of *Hudson* and State of *New Jersey* **Of the First Part:**

And *George Kirkland* [illegible]

of the *Township* of *Bergen* in the County of *Hudson* and State of *New Jersey* **Of the Second Part:**

Witnesseth, That the said parties of the First Part, for and in consideration of the sum of *Five hundred and Twenty Eight dollars* lawful Money of the United States of America, *($528.00)* in hand well and truly paid by the said parties of the Second Part, at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents: the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the said parties of the First Part therewith fully satisfied, contented and paid; Ha*ve* given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, conveyed and confirmed; and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, convey and confirm, to the said parties of the Second Part, and to *their* Heirs and Assigns, forever, ALL *those certain lots*

Tracts or Parcels of Land and Premises, hereinafter particularly described, situate, lying and being in the *Township* of *Bergen* in the County of *Hudson* and State of *New Jersey and which on a Map of the real estate of which Richard Van Reypen died seized made for the parties of the Second Part by Samuel M. Berry Surveyor, dated July 1st 1853 and duly filed in the Clerks office of Hudson County are known and distinguished as lots Numbers Fifteen (15) and Nineteen (19) on Map Number Two of the said Estate. Said lots being Number Fifteen being One hundred and forty three feet in length on each side and One hundred feet in width front and rear and said Lot Number Nineteen being One hundred and* [illegible] *on the Southerly side, One hundred and fifteen feet on the Easterly side and One hundred and forty three feet in length on the Westerly side.*

Which property above described was conveyed by the parties of the second part to the said John Messerve by deed bearing even date herewith and this mortgage is given to secure a part of the consideration money of said deed.

It does seem odd that no mention of the birth of the first child to JOHN and JULIA on 7 September 1853 should not come to our attention until 30 November 1853 in a letter to JULIA from her sister, Fanny: 15 8

"We all want to know how little Maggie is but suppose JOHN will see Margaret tomorrow" 7

JOHN received a letter from Abraham dated 12 January 1854 in which it appears that his frustration over business conditions is developing into a somewhat cynical attitude: 2

"I received the Canopy Holders all Safe by Express. up to this time as I have not received your letter by mail, I cannot Say whither you was Blue when you wrote them or not, as I dont feel in Very High Spirits I should like to See what they contain, but you need not fear thier effects upon me, for I have got so hardened that I can Stand almost anything."

Abraham wrote a long letter to JOHN on 28 January 1854 which probably reflects complaints written by JOHN: 2

"your letter by last mail is a pritty hard one to answer, but as I only want to do only what is wright by you, I Suppose I need not draw back. perhaps I have injured your Credit in New York, for which I am willing to make amends and want you to do what you deem best for your own interest, without regard to me, as you have a wife and family comming on, ----"

A number of receipts are on hand covering business transactions of A.C.Messerve for the entire year of 1854. The last letter we have from Abraham written on 10 June 1854 to JOHN was completely devoted to business matters and is not quoted but it does appear that shortly after that date, Abraham left San Francisco for New York, married Isabella L. Idell, and returned with her to San Francisco late that same year. 2 16

JULIA CLELAND purchased 20 shares of stock in the Rocky Bar Mining Company, California, on 3 March 1854 and a half share in The Grass Valley Gold Mining Company, Centreville, Nevada Co., California on 23 May 1854. Copies of both certificates are reproduced on the two following pages.

News for the year is sparse. On 9 July 1854, Rebecca Cleland wrote to her sister, JULIA, who was again visiting their sister, Mary, in Madison, CT: 9 4

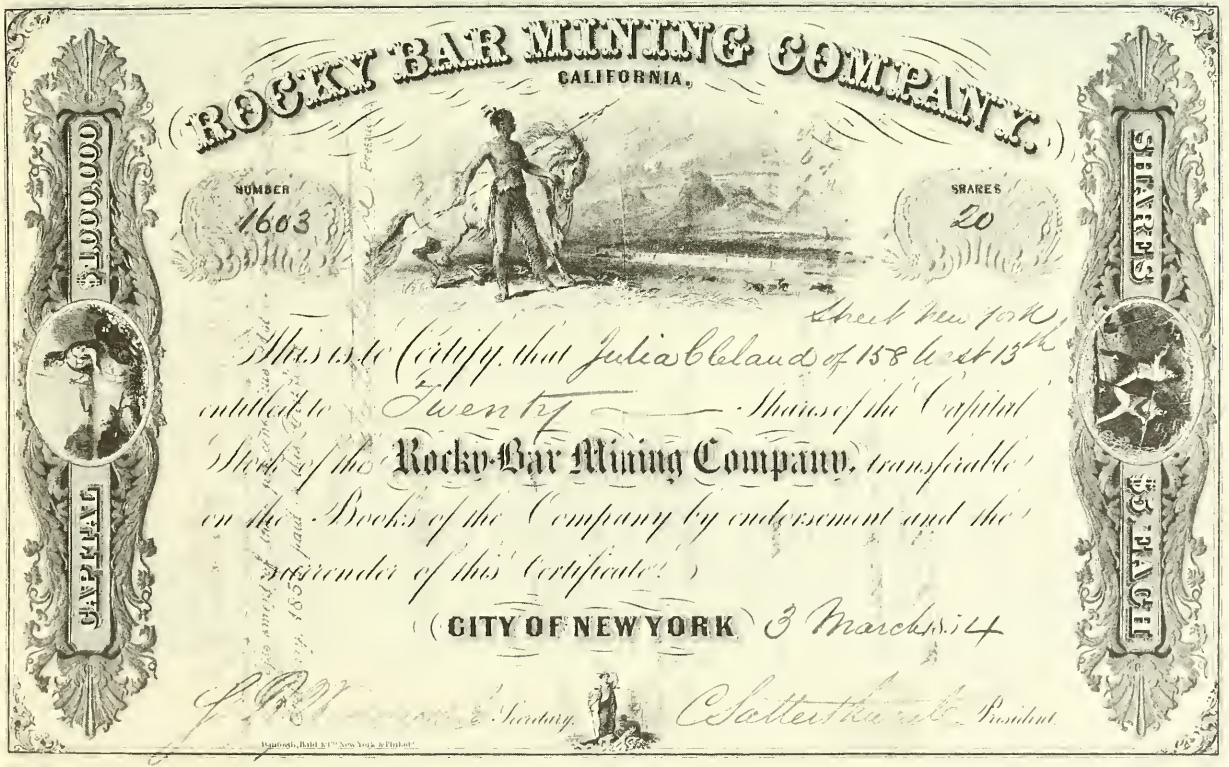
"Mother says tell the girls Eliza must get Ann to help take care of Maggie and Jule." 12,3 15,17

Apparently, JOHN is active in the civic affairs of Hoboken, NJ:

"Court House Oct 26th/54

JOHN J. MESSERVE Esq

Dr Sir I have seen some of the Assembly delegates in the 4th Ward Jersey City and they say that they will be happy to meet the Hoboken delegates, at Hoboken on Friday evening next at any



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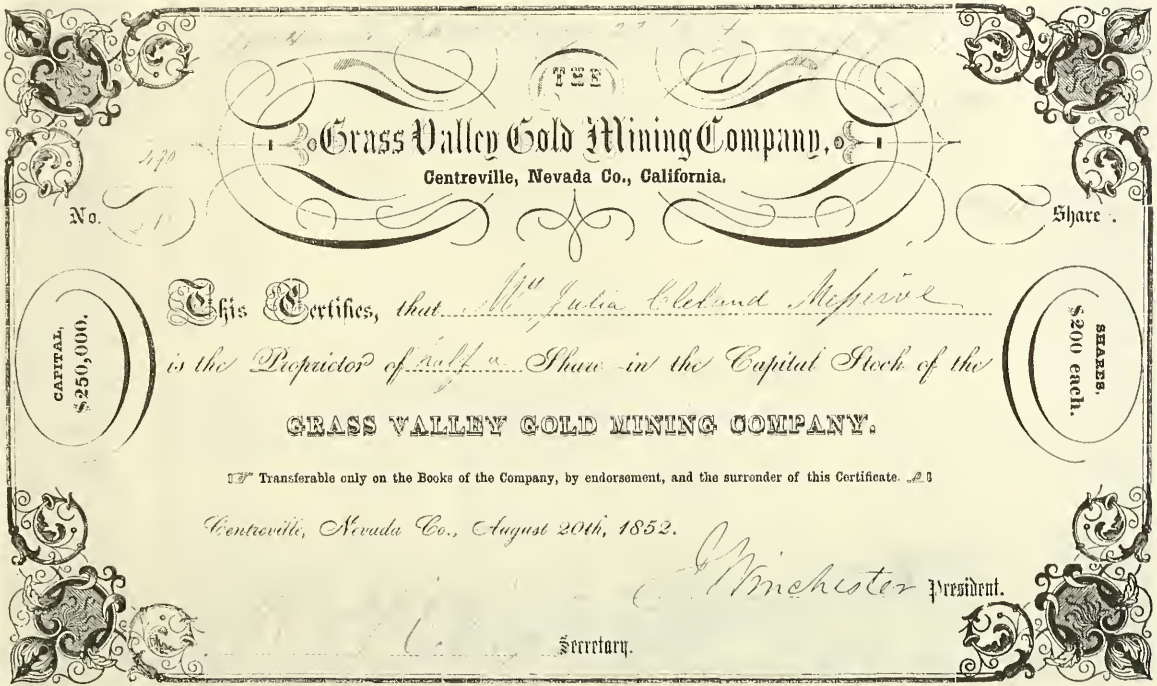

THE

Grass Valley Gold Mining Company,

Centreville, Nevada Co., California.

No. 470 Share.

CAPITAL, $250,000.

SHARES, $200 each.

This Certifies, that Mr Julia Cleland Messerve is the Proprietor of half a Share in the Capital Stock of the

GRASS VALLEY GOLD MINING COMPANY.

☞ Transferable only on the Books of the Company, by endorsement, and the surrender of this Certificate. ☜

Centreville, Nevada Co., August 20th, 1852.

J. Winchester President.

Secretary.

hour that you may determine upon.

If Friday evening should not suit you, then say Monday next. Please send me word by Mr Mount, Either Friday or Monday evening next at Hoboken will suit us. John Van Vorst"

On 11 January 1855, JOHN became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A reduced copy of the certificate of membership follows on the next page.

Our collection of receipts related to business transactions of A. C. Messerve & Company cover the year 1855 up to 28 September 1855, the one we copy:

"Rec'd New York Sept 28/55 from A.C.Messerve four 75/100 dollars in full for Bill of Pickles
for Wells & Provost
John Greason"

A note to JOHN dated 30 January 1855 from Elmor Thompson is of interest:

"As I have waited over an hour to day as well as on saturday - I write to say that I would very much like to know what my share of the profits are on your millinery business the past season as pr our understanding I also wish to see you in reference to some money on your due bill I spoke to you about. If you can spare time to fix up the above you will oblige."

On 9 June 1855, JOHN and JULIA purchased Lot Number 15 in Hoboken from JOHN's mother for Four hundred dollars. A reduced copy is shown two pages forward.

Money problems continue for A. C. Messerve & Company as indicated by the following letter written by Mrs Charles Bubbs of Amsterdam. NY, on 17 November 1855 to JOHN:

"You were disappointed in the note coming back but we could not help it; I kept it here two or three days thinking we might be able to raise the amount - but could not -, I am sorry it has happened so but better luck next time I would wish to hear from you soon we are all well at present-"

JOHN and JULIA's first son joined his sister, Maggie, on 3 December 1855. An amusing reference to little John Edwin we find in a letter from William in Hoboken on 20 July 1856 to Abraham in San Francisco: 18,15 1,2

"Does your boy take after his father? But I suppose he does, that is the natural consequence. It is the way with the boy we got here - JOHN's boy takes after his Father very much - as a sample, that he does so, I will say he likes every thing good. especially the sweet things. And he partakes somewhat of his daddy's propensity (as in his youthful days) of Lamming you, if you don't do as he wishes, but he is a right <u>smart</u> Chap." 19,2 18

MESSERVE 5
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Geo. H. Bell, Stationer, 1[illegible] Ave. [illegible] St., N. Y.

This Indenture,

made the Ninth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and Fifty five — Between John J. Messervé and Julia C. his wife of the City of Hoboken New Jersey of the first part and Deborah B. Messervé, (Widow) of the same place

of the second part. Witnesseth, That the said part y of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Four hundred dollars lawful money of the United States, to him in hand paid by the said part y of the second part, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the said part y of the second part her heirs, executors and administrators, forever released and discharged from the same, by these presents, hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, remised, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, remise, release, convey and confirm, unto the said part y of the second part, and to her heirs and assigns forever. All that certain Lot of Land situate lying and being in the Township of Bergen in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey and which on a Map made by Samuel H. Berry Surveyor July 11, 1853, of the realestate of which Richard Van Ryper died seized made for the Commissioners viz Geo Vreeland Garret Dip and Jacob Newkirk and duly filed in the Clerks office of Hudson County a copy of which was returned with the report of the said Commissioners and known and distinguished as Lot Number fifteen (15.) on a Map Number two, of the said Realestate being one hundred feet wide in front and rear and one hundred and forty three feet in length on each side

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; And also, all the estate, right, title, interest property possession claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said part y of the first part, of, in

A. C. Messerve & Company continues in operation through 1856. Abraham is still in San Francisco although his wife elected to return to Hoboken with their son late in November. JOHN is on a business trip throught New York State when we read his letter written from the American Hotel, Troy, NY, on 9 November 1856 to JULIA. He treats us to an interesting glimpse of the national politics of the day and reveals for the first time that he is considering leaving the business to become a farmer: 2,16 19

"I wrote you a few lines from Albany on Friday evening last and enclose you (10$) ten dollars - which I hope has arrived Safe to hand, I did as well in Albany & Troy as circumstances would permit altho' did not quite come up to my expectation, owing doubtless to the backwardness of the season, ---- shall proceed tomorrow morning to Schenectady thence to Amsterdam, Little Falls, Utica etc about one day in a place. The profits so far will exceed my first Trip by ten or fifteen dollars. I attended St. Pauls Church. Rev. Dr Coit Preached a good sermon from 48 verse of the 11th chapter of the Gospel according to St John. I think the bearings of the discourse could be taken, and a similitude made to the revolution of the country in favour of Fremont The Southern being the Jewish Pharisees - The North the Romans. The former thinking the success of Fremont would give the north the power to go down and take possession of the country & their places ---- The charm of Travelling is somewhat departed, I should prefer to travel say four or five days of the & spend my sundays at home for sunday is anything but agreeable to a married man in a strange place away from his home. In the week days his mind is employed with business & the time flies fast but it is so with sunday Tell Marr that I am getting the Farm fever worse than ever and if I have to travel much longer for a living I shall or it will hasten the time of its accomplishment, even a farm on the Delaware & the keeping of boarders would be no hardship either to help along. Tell William that the Troyans do not give up Fremont's election yet. They say wait & hear from Tennessee & Cala. I don't see for my part where any hope exist. Still the matter is not settled.---- How does ROBERT like the prospects of Mr Buchanan Election and the 40th street Robert, too?" 6

JOHN continues to be discouraged about his business but also reveals himself in his role as a father in his next letter to JULIA written from Syracuse, NY, on 13 November 1856:

"Yours dated 11. Came to hand this noon at Utica. and I was very happy to get it, As I was looking for it all the morning & last night There is a spell set upon my endeavours as all my success has fled Sold nothing in Rome but 21$ in Utica & 9 43 in Little Falls. and I do not know what success I shall have here I hope good, I would wait until I knew before I sent this, but I want this to go forward so that you will be able to write me at the Eagle Hotel - Rochester where I expect to be next Tuesday - Sunday in Pan Yan and the Sunday - after at Buffalo. Mansion House. I am much pleased to hear that our little Maggie is getting better and tries to be such a good girl. her papa will have to think ever so much of his little Maggie Tell 15

Maggie that her papa has been up a very hill & looked way down to a big woods & he saw some bushes & saw something move behind the bushes & he peep and peep & there he saw the little Cow. the pretty Red Cow with the little white horns. Kiss Maggie and John Edwin for me Remember Marr Wm & Ann AMANDA & R & all Enquiring friends While I remain ever your aff Husband J.J.M" 15 15 18,6,1 5,10,11

JOHN's final letter of the trip was written to JULIA from the Eagle Hotel in Rochester on 27 November 1856:

"I received yours of the 23rd all safe at Buffalo on the evening of the 25th inst and was very happy to hear from home. So Belle is on her way home and probably at home by the time you receive this, well I am sorry I am not on hand to bid her welcome & help carry her and the little Californian ashore - but she must take the will for the deed, - I was quite surprised to hear of her coming so soon, I hope it will be all for the best but I am afraid it will not be. I shall leave this place tomorrow evening for Geneva. thence to Penn Yan stay over Sunday then Monday evening to Syracuse - thence to Utica Amsterdam on Thursday Albany on Friday & Saturday - thence to Hoboken that night. a line will reach me Franklin House Geneva, or Syracuse House Syracuse or Nanivix Hall Albany. allow plenty of time for the letter to reach me say two days This will reach you by Saturday afternoon My trip is not going to be so very good after all altho' I done all that could be done to make it profitable, still It is a commencement and I shall probably do better next time, I bought two barrels of Flour at Lockport @ 7. 50/100 of course it has not arrived yet but it may before I do. it is marked to C. Idell & son's care In calculating time for your letters don't enclude Sundays If you write immediately on the receipt of this. you will be in time I think for Geneva if a day latter Syracuse If two, then Albany I shall stop at Utica I got those letters of Abram I now close as I have write my sales to the firm 16 19 2

Give my love to Marr and all the family Kiss Maggie & John Edwin for me & tell her I am on my way home - so adieu" 15 18

Money problems persist into 1857 according to the letter from Elmor Thompson in New York on 25 January 1857 to JOHN J. MESSERVE:

"As you requested, I called on Mrs Watson this morning in reference to her note due you the 23rd inst She says she payed Jessup & Cole on Saturday 50 dollars on a/c of the note and took their receipt for it. She says she told them that she would pay the balance as soon as possible She will be able to manage her settlement with her creditors which will I think leave her in a very fair position for the spring & I think will make our notes against her good sure. Dull times & no collections are still the order of the day here - Hopeing that there is a good time coming I remain Respectfully Yours etc "

We have no news of JOHN and JULIA for nearly six months until we read her letter to JOHN of 8 June 1857 from Madison, CT, where she was visiting her sister, Mary: 4

"Dear JOHN, Dont start at the endearing epithet; although the hand-writing may not be familiar to you, it is nevertheless, that of your own wife. The reason of this strange looking chirography is this. I have given my right hand a holiday, and my left hand, though it has had a much inferior education, has to perform the other's duties. Last Friday, I pierced the palm of my right hand deeply with a piece of broken bottle. It bled copiously, which was all the better provided it did not bleed too much. The bleeding was stopped, however, in proper time, and it is all doing well now although the chord leading to the fourth finger is wounded, and, for the present, my hand rendered nearly helpless. I am sorry to be obliged to write you this fearing that you will be more troubled about it than is necessary. It is getting better fast, and I hoped to be able by this time to write you with the right hand, but conclude it would be better not to try it too soon, and think you would feel better satisfied to know, that when you are away, I would keep nothing from you. I would like to write you a good long letter, but must, necessarily, as you will suppose, be brief. I could have had some one write in my stead, but prefer writing a few words myself, although it is hard work and I make such a miserable looking scrawl: but you will excuse it all, love, I know; I wish I could be as sure that you would not feel too anxious about this little affair there is no danger, I assure you. will tell you all the particulars another time. I wrote to Ma last 6
Thursday stating that I would be home on Tuesday of this week. but sent her word yesterday that I should not leave before Wednesday or Thursday. You know I want one whole hand & arm for Maggie alone, when travelling. I will write you, if I shall 15
then know where to direct, as soon as I get home. I received one letter from you last Thursday, and another this noon, am grieved to learn that you have not heard from us since you left. Any one so faithful and punctual about writing as you are, deserves better reward for, I appreciate your attention, you know well, and would fain repay it. By the time you receive this, you will be ready to turn your face homeward I hope; this I argue from the rapidity with which you seem to be doing up business. I shall direct this to you at Buffalo, not daring to risk any nearer point, lest you may not get it at all. My health is good, and Maggie is well and hearty. Mary and all the family 15,4
also are well. I am getting anxious to return home, I want to see my baby so much: a little while ago I kept thinking how unlike home it would be without you there, but now I begin to feel that the end of your journeyings draws near and I will go home to receive you. You may direct your letter in answer to this, to Hoboken, as I shall probably be there before that time. Good bye for the present. Accept the best love of Your affectionate Wife"

We do not know when Abraham gave up his business in San Francisco 2
and returned to the East or when his mother left Hoboken but there 6
is evidence that both events occurred late in 1857. On 15 Novem- 11
ber 1857, the statement by ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD, in his letter
written from Hoboken to JOHN leads us to question whether the two
brothers and their mother bought a farm: 2,6

"---- was glad to hear ---- that you are all well pleased with the farm"----

The remaining news for 1857 comes from business letters which do not answer the question. It is not clear whether the business referred to relate to transactions of A. C. Messerve & Company. The first, dated 18 November 1857, is addressed to JOHN from Elmor Thompson writing from Rochester, NY:

> "I sent you pr Express the 16th inst from Geneva 50 dollars & this day I have remitted 29 dolls for you to J H Hazen & told him to pay it to you - you on receipt of the 29 from Mr Hazen will please give him my note for 79. dolls It has rained & snowed togather every day this week & nearly all the time since I started which with the hard times, makes peddleing & collections hard business. Hopeing for better luck I remain----"

The second, presumably to both JOHN and Abraham, was written from New York on 4 December 1857 by Chas. Idell & Son:

> "We regret you did not call and see us about the balance you owed us as you promised, as you were aware we ? very much in need of it. and are very much in want of it at the present and hope you will send it without delay.
>
> P.S. Pleas mention to you brother that his will be very acceptable also as we are very hard up"

An entry in JOHN's diary for 2 January 1858 presumably refers to JULIA's sister, Rebecca, but the identity of Uncle Henry is not known: 9

> "Becca & Uncle Henry came to see us & Becca staid 2 weeks"

The signatures of both Abraham and JOHN on the Protest, a copy of which follows on the next page, as residents of the town of Bedford dated 11 February 1858, provides evidence that the brothers have purchased a farm in the area. Unfortunately, no reason for their concern over the presence of the "colored man" is given. 2

If the brothers have become farmers, their business problems have not left them. On 22 January 1858, JOHN was sent the following letter from Charles C. Hazen from Hoboken:

> "I am compelled to make a second call on you for the trifling amount of my Bill as rendred, You did not see fit to answer my communication, or even call on me, you and your brother both being in the city since. I dont think you have forgotten your promise to me that you would pay me on the first of Dec relying on your promise I expected to be able to pay my taxes with it but through your dissapointing me I was unable to do so, and now it is returned and unnecessary expence incurred to me. Take it all in all I dont think you have used me very hansomely. I shall wat one week for an answer."

On 2 February 1858, ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD, writing from Hoboken to JOHN, gives us convincing evidence that JOHN is a farmer: 11

> "---- I subscribed for the Cultivator for you the year commences the first of Jan. I got the Jan & Feb Nos. I also the Agricultural Almanac for you he recommended very much and in look-

Bedford February 11, 1858.

We, the undersigned, residents of the town of Bedford from certain circumstances that have occurred, are of opinion that our safety and comfort require the removal of a colored Man named William Richards, now residing in our neighborhood, and we engage to cooperate with Mr. Messerve in any judicious plan he may devise to effect that object.

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A. S. Messerve
James Cole
Peter T. Clark
John W. Hood
[illegible]

John J. Messerve
Stephen L. Raymond
Harvey Barrett
[illegible]
Stephen [illegible]

ing over it I found some valuable articles on fruit and fruit trees which I thought would be of advantage to you -"

On 3 February 1858, JOHN was addressed as Mr MESSERVE, Bedford, NY, by Sam R. Sym, 177 Broadway, New York City with the following request:

"I would like to get two lots in Hoboken to build for myself a Cottage House and if I could make an exchange with you for some good & nearly new houses which pay good interest I would like to do so for your two lots on Hudson Street."

On the letter, JOHN pencilled two answers, probably drafts of his reply:

"We do not wish to exchange but will sell for $8500 $5000 on Mortgage for 5 years at 7% per annum The property belongs to my Mother who, as she is becoming quite advanced in years does not care to disposed of it in any other way." 6

"The lots mentioned in your note belong to my Mother who has had no idea of selling but since she has removed from Hoboken thinks more favourably of doing" 6

JOHN is referred to as a farmer in a letter written on 17 February 1858 by Charles Hubbs from Amsterdam, NY, who also makes it apparent that JOHN had inquired about the availability of farm produce in that area:

"I received your letter a few days ago and in answer I would state that I have not been able to get anything for you. One reason is you cant get anything of Farms here without paying them the money and that is an article that is very scarce here and another reason is that we have had a very heavy fall of snow and it has drifted the roads up so bad that their is not much porduce comeing into Market I think you will have to wait with patience untill times comes around better - How are you getting along Since you have turned Farmer well I hope. I wish I was on a farm or at least owned a good Farm I think I should like it I am still of a situation but still keeping hopeing on that something will turn up in my favour ----"

Three entries in JOHN's diary for the dates of 19 February, 5 May, and 11 May 1858 respectively record JOHN's active participation in farming:

"Uncle Abram & Wm came to see us We bought Light Waggon for $60." 21,22

"Bot Mowing Machine from F W Williams for $110 & gave note at Eight mos."

"Bot stack of Hay from A Williamson for $23"

JULIA was visiting with her sister, Mary, in Madison, CT, when she received a letter from DEBORAH written at Hoboken on 30 May 1858:

"----our little John Edwin is very well and happy he is very 13
cheerful and very fond of his uncle William as well as his aunt 1
Ann and they do everything to please and amuse him and we have 5
got a long very well since you have been gon and hope and trust
your visit will do you much good and that your health will be
restored ---- I do not expect to meet my Friends on my biruth
day as JOHN is away and Abram will not be hear and I will put 2
it off untill they get home I recived a letter from JOHN last
Thursday he seem to be in good spirits and he said he felt
quite well but I feel very ancious about him more then I have
done before but I trust all will be well we got our letters
from Abram on Friday ---- I wrote to JOHN on Friday and enclos- 2
ed Abrams to him at Amsterdam as he wished me to do so ----"

From that letter, we do know that JOHN is maintaining his business activities in addition to farming.

Three letters this year were from the Coggeshall family in Brooklyn, New York. The first was written by Captain George Coggeshall 23
on 31 July 1858 to JULIA:

"----The other day your husband was good enough to say that you
would receive my Daughter Sarah into your family as a boarder 24
for the month of August. Being perfectly convinced of your good
sense and good judgment, I herewith commit her into your hands,
and beg you will take the same interest in her welfare that you
would do for one of your sisters. I hope you will be able to
give her a small room near your own, and if convenient, let
Maggie sleep with her ---- I hope you will not make the least 15
change in your domestic arrangements on her account."

It is not certain whether JULIA is living on the farm near the town of Bedford this summer or not. A deed dated 25 August 1858; a reduced copy of the face page follows on the next page, covering the sale of Lot 15 in Hoboken, NJ by DEBORAH, to JOHN and JULIA does at least place DEBORAH on the farm.

The second letter from George Coggeshall dated 27 September 1858 23
to H. G. Ware not only gives us an excellent description of the farm but informs us that the farm belongs to JOHN:

"Agreeably to your request - I herewith send you a rough sketch of the location of the farm advertised for sale or exchange for good, productive property in New York or Brooklyn. This estate belongs to JOHN MESSERVE' Esq., and is situated two miles north of Bedford village Westchester County, 45 miles from New York. By taking the Harlem rail-road and proceeding to the Bedford station, a public conveyance will be found to convey passengers to its immediate vicinity. The farm lies 10 or 12 miles north of Stamford in Connecticut in a healthy, undulating country, surrounded with a virtuous and intelligent society. It contains 131 acres; 115 under cultivation with 16 acres of woodland; well watered and is, in every respect, a delightful residence.

The house and out-buildings are all in excellent repair. There are on the farm 14 cows and several horses, but as I presume no prudent man will purchase it without a thorough examination, I deem it unnecessary to enter any farther into detail on the

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This Indenture,

made the Twenty fifth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight. Between Deborah B. Messerve of the town of Bedford Westchester County and State of New York the first part and Julia Messerve wife of John S. Messerve of the same place 6

of the second part, Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred dollars lawful money of the United States of America, to her in hand paid by the said party of the second part, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, remised, released, conveyed, and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, remise, release, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to her heirs and assigns, for ever, All that certain Lot of Land situate lying and being in the township of Bergen in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey and which on a map made by Samuel H Berry surveyor July 11. 1853. of the Real estate of which Richard VanRyper died seized made for the commissioners by Geo. Freeland Garret Sip and Jacob Newkirk and duly filed in the Clerks Office of Hudson County a copy of which was returned with the Report of the said Commissioners and known and distinguished as Lot Number fifteen (15.) on a Map Number two of the said Real estate being One Hundred feet wide in front and rear and One Hundred and forty three feet in length on each side

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders rents, issues and profits thereof; And also, all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said party of the first part, of, in or to the above described premises, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances. To have and to hold all and singular the above mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part her heirs and assigns, for ever. And the said party of the first part for herself her heirs, the said premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns, against the said party of the first part, her heirs, and against all and every person and persons whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same, shall and will Warrant and by these presents for ever Defend.

In Witness whereof, the said party of the first part has hereunto set her hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of
William Lordmore

Deborah B. Messerve 6

subject. If Mr. Ware will do me the pleasure to call on me I will show him a map of the estate and give him any information in my power on the subject, The farm is valued at $15000 on which there is a mortgage of $3200. I have recently been on this farm and have no hesitation in saying that it is very desirable property.

Very respectfully I remain Your obedient servant"

The third letter of the series is from Georgiana Coggeshall, George's daughter, dated 23 October 1858 to JULIA. This letter implies that JULIA did live at the farm at least during the Summer: 25 23

"Many thanks dear JULIA for the barrel of nice apples which you have had the kindness to send us. It came so prettily too with out note or name but simply "for Captain Coggeshall" leaving us altogether to conjecture which did not require much yankee wit, knowing well enough that no one could be quite so good as our Bedford cousins In eating said apples we shall think of the fine farm and the pleasant hours we spent with you last summer."

Three business letters, all from Elmor Thompson addressed to JOHN are on hand, two from New York dated 3 September and 18 October 1858 respectively and one from Mobile dated 21 December 1858. All of them refer to collections. None of them refers to A.C.Messerve & Company:

"Enclosed please find J H Homers check for 45 38/100 Dollars for which I wish you to send me E.F.Hubbs note due may 19th for same amount. The reason I send for one of the Hubbs notes first is that I wish to make some arrangement with Hazen & his assignee in reference to their compromiseing all of the Hubbs notes so as to help the woman out of her trouble. I have not rec'd any money yet from Mrs Watson or any from any of the a/c's pertaining to the last years business since I saw you. as soon as I collect some money you will hear from me again. give my respects to all your family & expecting to hear from you soon----"

"Enclosed please find J H Homers check for 25 dolls which place to my credit on a/c of my note for 200. I will send you more as soon as I can"

"Enclosed please find draft Mobile Saveings Bank on Park Bank N.Y. for 50 dollars on a/c of my note due you for 125. I sent you 25 dollars Novr 20th from Lockport on a/c of my note above Hoping the inclosed will come acceptable----"

Our first news in 1859 comes from a letter from JOHN on 12 March while visiting JULIA's relatives at No. 158 13th Street, New York, to JULIA. In it we find a brief reference to their daughter, Fanny who died at one and a half years of age just five weeks later on 20 April 1859: 26

"I arrived here on Thursday afternoon at 3½ o clock and found all the folks well - Gave the notes Eggs & so forth to Eliza & Mag. which were duly praised for their goodness etc. Friday as usual was stormy and to day is more so I have not been able to 3 7

do anything yet, Marr is up to Williams and I have not seen her 6,1
yet I was going up there to day - I saw Mr Minot Mitchell in
reference to the Mortgage he is going to examine his diary &
send it to us at Bedford - Mother was at fortieth street when I 12
got there we took dinner I waited upon her down to 13th str -
she came there the day before she seems quite smart & contem-
plates a visit to Manhattanville next week Fanny expected to 8
come in town to day with James & go to see uncle Coggeshall but 23
as it is so stormy I dont believe they will come I may go out
& stay over sunday with them Kate Kemp was here last night - I
saw her at Eliza the last time I was down she is after me or I
her which is it both I guess. she was well and full of fun -
I believe I have nothing more to write - I have not quite read
all of that little book yet but shall to day the last part is
better than the first, but do you think a little volume like
this can do much good so many read it & it is gone from them
amidst the care & business of the World & never more think of
it. & very many would look upon it as this mans thing & there
let it rest. it goes to prove what I have often said that there
is no end to this world iniquity & the most in high walks of
society Still I suppose we should not go beyond ourselves &
pronounce - unholy & unclean - & strive to make ourselves more
what we ought to be - I must not close before I remember my
little ones give them all a hearty kiss for me I hope Fannie 26
keeps well & lets you sleep at night & Maggie is a good girl & 15
trys to please her ma ma I suppose she will have several new
words to spell for me when I return tell John Edwin he must be 18
a good boy & try to please his mother my love to yourself put
up with care & this side up"

On 1 September 1859, we learn that JOHN is seeking employment in New York City from a letter of recommendation written in his behalf by J.D.Mills with Charles T. Stagg, 18 John Street to Mr A. G. Hyde:

"The bearer, Mr JOHN J. MESSERVE is the person I spoke to you about, to fill the vacancy in your white goods department. If you can give him employment you will have no cause to regret it, and I am confident that he will prove a valuable man to you, as soon as he acquires any little knowledge of your business which he may not now possess.

Hoping you may find it to your advantage to make room for him in some department of your establishment"

Two documents are on hand for the year 1859. The first is a deed covering the sale on 16 May 1859 of Lot No. 207 in Hoboken, NJ by DEBORAH B. MESSERVE (widow) of Bedford Westchester County and 6
State of New York to JULIA MESSERVE wife of JOHN J. MESSERVE of the same place. This confirms that JOHN and JULIA are living on the farm at Bedford. A reduced copy of the first page follows on the next page.

The second document is an "Inventory of Furniture Wearing Apparel Bed Bedding Books etc etc belonging to JULIA MESSERVE Situate in the Story & half Cottage 73. Hudson Str. Hoboken November 10. 1859". The list covering five pages indicates a value of about $1200.00"

Warranty Deed

Chas. F. Sonnebohn, Stationer, 142 Nassau St., N. Y.

This Indenture,

made the Sixteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine

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Between Deborah B. Messerve (widow) of Bedford Westchester County and State of New York of the first part and Julia Messerve wife of John S. Messerve of the same place.

of the second part, Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred dollars lawful money of the United States of America, to her in hand paid by the said party of the second part, at or before the ensealing and delivering of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the said party of the second part, her heirs, executors and administrators forever released and discharged from the same, by these presents, Hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, remised, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents Doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, remise, release, convey and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, and to her heirs and assigns forever All that certain lot of ground situate at Hoboken in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey and known and distinguished on a Map or Chart of Hoboken aforesaid by the number 207, two hundred and seven, Bounded easterly in front by Hudson Street between first and Second Street Southerly by lot number 206, (two hundred and Six) in the rear by an alley and northerly by lot number 208, (two hundred and eight) Containing in length on each side One Hundred feet and in breadth in front and rear twenty five feet, as by the said Map or Chart recorded in the clerk's office of the said County of Hudson will fully appear

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and revisions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof. And also all the estate, right, title, interest.

From the farm she refers to as "Bedford Hill Country", DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER wrote to JULIA dating the letter 29 July but omitted the year. The paragraph which is quoted makes it clear that JOHN and JULIA are not full time residents of the farm: 6

"I send these few lines by JOHN who lives us for the City to day I hop he will find you and the Children all well I cannot tell you how much I want to see you and the Children we was all much dispoined you did not come with JOHN the last time he came up----"

If JOHN were an owner of the farm at Bedford, it raises a question as to why he was not a party to the leasing agreement dated 17 April 1860 with Aaron Barrett signed by D.B.MESSERVE and witnessed by A.C.Messerve: 6 2

"Know all men by, these present that I Aaron Barrett party of the first part - doth enter into agreement with D.B.MESSERVE party of the second part. To wit. I take part of the Farm on shares such as cutting grass cradling Rye, as can be if it agreed upon between us, and do also agree to Hire and Rent the out buildings Garden the land around the House with Roadway to with priviledge of Pond for the sum of $40.00 (Forty Dollars From the party of second part - agrees - to give the party of first part - peaceable possesion of the above written, together with the part of Dwelling House that have been agreed upon and also for the term of Eight Months. (Rent payable sixty (60 Days in advance) commencing April 15th/ and expires December 15th 1860. In witness were of we have hereunto Set our hand and seal this seventeenth day of April AD 1860" 6

Two letters from Aaron P. Barrett related to the farm dated 3 November 1860 and 26 November 1860 respectively were both addressed to JOHN:

"Bedford Novem 3/60 Mr JOHN J MESSERVE Deair Sir I Reseived your leter this morning and thout if I Sent this Week you Would not gitit I Shall Send it on monday next the sixt of Novem by the Rail Road and card them With the cards of yours and Will card the nomber of eags and barles and tack it on one of them

Will See about that other next tusday"

"Bedford Nove 26/60 Mr J J MESSERVY Deair Sir I Wish you Will not com up un till Weke after Next and then I Will try to meat you With the Money Bair in mind the Rye that is Saad on the grown When you cloas With Mr Mulford"

News of JOHN and JULIA during 1861 is meagre. JOHN received letters from ROBERT and AMANDA from Atlanta, GA dated 30 January, 17 February, 7 April which refers to JOHN's complaint that "the prospect of buisness is so bad in New York" 9 May and 11 May 1861. On 23 August 1861, JULIA received sad news from her cousin, Mary S. Coggeshall of Brooklyn, NY: 11,10 28

"Break it gently to poor dear Sarah, but Father is dying. Come over with her as soon as possible" 24,23

The only other news of the year on hand is an agreement dated 1 October 1861 between JOHN and Aaron Millington which introduces us to Squaw Brook Farm in North Haledon, NJ, which became the home of MESSERVE and MAYNARD families for close to 100 years:

"This agreement made this first day of October 1861 between Aaron Millington of Hudson City, N.J. and JOHN J. MESSERVE' of South Bergen, N.J. Said Millington agrees in consideration of one dollar to him in hand paid to sell assign convey to JOHN J. MESSERVE' a certain Bond and Mortgage against Charles C. Hazen for Eight Hundred and fifty dollars bearing date August 1859 and due August 1862 and the said Millington also agrees to convey a certain piece of land containing twenty two acres more or less being all the remaining land the said Millington owns in the Squaw Brook farm and the said Millington further agrees to convey four Lots of Land 25x100 Situate at Elizabetport fronting on Marshall and Franklin Streets free from all encumbrances and also the said Millington agrees to give to said JOHN J. MESSERVE' in addition to the above property One Hundred dollars in Cash and will guarantee to the said JOHN J. MESSERVE' a good Indefeasable title and in default of which will forfeit the sum of one Hundred dollars damages to said JOHN J. MESSERVE'

And the said JOHN J. MESSERVE' agrees for the above mentioned property Bond and Mortgage and Cash tendered by the said Aaron Millington to Sell assign convey to said Millington the Lot 73 Hudson Street Hoboken N.J. size 25x100 with Cottage on rear of the same by a good Warranty deed and if he fails to do so he will likewise forfeit One Hundred dollars to the said Millington

The above twenty two acres of the Squaw Brook farm is subject to a Mortgage of One thousand dollars. also

The Lot No 73 Hudson Street Hoboken is subject to a mortgage of Sixteen hundred dollars.

Witness
C.T.Hudson

Aaron Millington
JOHN J MESSERVE'"

In 1862, JULIA becomes a co-partner in a Newspaper Establishment called the "Printer":

"This agreement made the first day of July 1862 Between John Greason of Fairmount Westchester Co N.Y. Party of the first part and JULIA MESSERVE' of South Bergen Hudson Co. N.J. Party of the second part witnesseth That the said John Greason for and in consideration of the conveyance to him of the premises herein after mentioned and of one dollar to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hereby agrees to Sell and does Sell to the said JULIA MESSERVE' one half of the Establishment and stock in trade of the Newspaper called the "Printer" published at No 11 Spruce Street in the City of New York of which Establishment he the said John Greason is the sole owner and that the said JULIA MESSERVE' for and in consideration of such Sale of the said one half of the said Newspaper Establishment and Stock in trade and of the sum of one dollar to her duly paid agrees to convey to the said John Greason by good Warrantee Deed Four Lots of land situate at Elizabethport N.J. and also Twenty two acres of land (more or less) situate

near Paterson N.J. more fully described in the deeds of conveyance of the same Subject to a mortgage for one thousand dollars on the said premises at Paterson N.J. which said Mortgage together with the interest thereon the said party of the first part is to assume and pay and the said Party of the first and second parts hereto do hereby agree to become copartners together in the publication of the said Newspaper above mentioned and the buying and selling of Printing Presses Printers materials of every name kind and description whatsoever to the said business belonging in their copartnership to continue for two years from the day of the date hereof. The name of the Firm to be John Greason & Co and the name of said firm to be used only for the purposes of the business of said firm and the said JULIA MESSERVE' or her agent shall have access to the place of business and to the books of the concern at all times, The said books to contain a full and true account of all business transactions of said firm. The business of the concern to be settled at least once in every six Months and the Profits and Losses thereof then made to appear to be put to the Credit or Debit of each partner The partners Shall at no time draw for their personal expenses more than fifteen dollars per week unless mutually agreed upon in writing between them Said John Greason shall execute a bond to said JULIA MESSERVE' that he will truly pay all the indebtedness existing against the said Newspaper called the "Printer" and the business connected therewith up to the first day of July 1862 and also assume and pay the said mortgage of One thousand dollars upon the above twenty two acres of land near Paterson N.J. and also that he will hold the said JULIA MESSERVE' her heirs executors administrators and assigns harmless and indemnified of and from the payment of any debts and of and from the payment of the principal and interest monies of said mortgage above mentioned

Witness as to John Greason
W.W.C. Leveridge
J.H. Cornell

John Greason
JULIA MESSERVE' 29

Witness as to signature of JULIA MESSERVE'
Ferd Lewis Jersey City"

The only other document on hand for the year 1862 is the tax bill to JOHN J. MESSERVE shown on the next page:

JOHN was "on the road" again in New York State according to his letter written to JULIA from Baggs Hotel, Utica, NY on 25 September 1863. In it, he refers to the John Greason & Company:

"Your lovely letter came to hand on Wednesday evening ¼ of an hour after the Mail close or I should have sent you a line then I got my coat all right the next day thursday when I started for Schenectady, Amsterdam and arrive here to day and leave tonight by 10 ock train and expect arrive in Syracuse at 12 tomorrow afternoon shall go towards Binghampton to Cortlandsville and see a man who wants to buy an office after which I shall return to Syracuse and then proceed towards Rochester, which point you can write me I understand that Eagle Hotel has been converted into stores & therefore I will have to stop at another Hotel I think Congress Hall, Rochester where I expect to be sometime during the week. If you have not receive anything

from the firm of John Greason & Co since my absence you might give them a call and take what they can give I shall not realised much out of this trip the firm will make all that is made for it will be a good advertisement for them - I shall not fret myself to death If I dont do as much as I expect to say the least it is up hill work I have not made $10 and my expenses is nearly that I am pushing on to get to the end of my journey hoping as I advance it will grow better It rain all last night and to day very stormy If it had been clear day I might have gone out to Clinton to see Miss B but I must postpone the Visit till another time give my love to all the children reserving an extra share for your self Remember me affectionately to Marr and the rest of the family I will write again from Rochester"

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BERGEN, Oct. 1st, 1862.

M. John J. Messerve

Your Taxes are now due and payable.

Your Real Estate is valued at.....	$
" Personal Estate.....	300.00
Total.....	$
Your Dog Tax is.....	$ "
" Poll Tax is.....	1.50
" Military Tax is.....	"
" County Tax is.....	24
" School Tax is.....	29
" Poor Tax is.....	9
" Town Tax is.....	12
" State Tax is.....	48
" Special School Tax is.....	15
	$ 2.58

Received payment,

Collector.

The Commissioners of Appeal in cases of Taxation will meet at the hotel of FRANZ MEYER, on the fourth Tuesday of November next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

HENRY R. WELSH, Collector.

N. B.—Tax-payers are requested to provide bankable money, and change for the fractions of dollars, (not common stamps), for the payment of Taxes.

The only other document we have for the year of 1863 is the tax bill to JOHN from Hoboken below:

Rates of Taxation.

City Purposes..... 30 cents on $100 valuation.
County Tax..... 12 cents and 5 mills on $100 valuation
Interest on Water Bonds..... 6 " " 0 " " "
State..... 9 " " 0 " " "

No. 256. 1st Ward.

VALUATION.

REAL ESTATE.....$ 4000 less 2000

PERSONAL, OR CHATTELS.....

Office of the Collector of Taxes,
Corner Bloomfield and 2nd Sts.

OFFICE HOURS, 8 TO 10 A. M., 7 TO 9 P. M.

Hoboken, October 1863

Mr. Julius Misserve ..... 76 Hudson st.

To the CITY OF HOBOKEN Dr.

CITY PURPOSES	FOR 1863.	6	—
INTEREST ON WATER BONDS..	"	2	40
DOG	"		
MILITIA	"		
CITY POLL	"		
STATE POLL	"		
COUNTY	"	2	50
STATE	"	1	80
TOTAL		12	70

RECEIVED PAYMENT, G. M. Sinclair Collector.

The Commissioners of Appeals in cases of Taxation will meet at the Council Chamber, Odd Fellows' Hall, on the fourth Tuesday of November, at 10 o'clock A. M. Payment of Taxes must be made in BANKABLE MONEY, and all Taxes unpaid on the 20th day of December next will be returned according to law, when interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, with 5 per cent. additional for fees of Collector of Arrears will be added. Persons claiming deductions must apply to the Commissioners of Appeals. The Collector will receive Taxes until December 20.

G. M. SINCLAIR, Collector.

A. O. EVANS, PRINTER & STATIONER, HOBOKEN.

We do not know for whom JOHN is working or in what capacity but he signed his name to a proposal dated 23 August 1864 to provide the United States Army with stockings and knit shirts. Reduced copies of the proposal and the accompanying Guaranty follow:

New York City Aug 23 1864

I the subscriber hereby propose to furnish and deliver to the United States, at the Depot of Army Clothing and Equipage, in Cincinnati Ohio ~~New York~~, agreeably to the terms of your advertisement 133 inviting proposals for Army Supplies, dated Cincinnati O. ~~New York~~, August 1864, the following articles, viz.:

100.000 Pairs Stockings like Sample at Fifty three cents a pair

100.000 Pairs Stockings Standard at Fifty six cents a pair and deliver one third the quantity between September 15 and October 15. One third between October 15. and November 15 one third Nov. 15. and December 15. 1864.

100.000 Knit Shirts or any part thereof like Sample at two dollars and forty eight cents each and deliver the same as stockings

and pledge myself to enter into a written contract with the United States, with good and approved securities, within the space of ten days, after being notified that my bid has been accepted.

Capt G. W. Moulton
To ~~Dr. Colonel D. H. Vinton,~~
Dp. Quartermaster General, U. S. Army,
Cincinnati Ohio ~~New York~~ City.

Your obedient servant,
John J. Messervé

NOTE.—The articles will be inserted at length, with the prices, &c.

GUARANTY.

We, the undersigned, residents of of the City of Newyork in the County of Newyork State of Newyork — hereby, jointly and severally, Covenant with the United States, and guaranty, in case the foregoing bid of John I. Messerve [illegible] be accepted, that he or they will, within ten days after the acceptance of said bid, execute the contract for the same with good and sufficient sureties, in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, to perform the work or furnish the articles proposed, in conformity to the terms of advertisement, dated the [illegible] August 1864 under which the bid was made.

And in case the said John I. Messerve shall fail to enter into a contract as aforesaid, we guaranty to make good the difference between the offer by the said John I. Messerve and the next lowest responsible bidder, or the person to whom the contract may be awarded.

Given under our hands and Seals,
this 23rd day of August 1864

[illegible] [Seal]

[illegible] [Seal]

I hereby Certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above-named guarantors are good and sufficient as sureties for the amount for which they offer to be security. *

* To be certified by a U. S. District Attorney, Collector of Customs, or any other Officer under the U. S. Government, or responsible person known to this office.

No personal news of JOHN and JULIA during 1864 has been found. On pages following this are, in order, a receipt from the United States Internal Revenue for the payment of the Annual Excise Tax dated 27 August 1864 and two tax bill receipts from Hoboken to JULIA and JOHN respectively dated October 1864. The only other record of the year is a bill to JOHN dated 17 December 1864 from the Law Office of Slaight & Lewis of Jersey City, NJ, which reads as follows:

"Mr Neukirk has left your bond for the interest due to day - Six Mos int - $70.00 up to Decr 17 =/64 - Please send check"

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Office, First National Bank,
Cor. Ex. Pl. & Hudson st.

United States Internal Revenue,

5th District, State of New Jersey.

Jersey City, August 27th 1864.

RECEIVED from John J. Messerrie

76 Hudson St

For the **ANNUAL EXCISE TAX** *for the year 1864, assessed under the Act of Congress, approved July 1st, 1862, entitled "An Act to provide Internal Revenue to support the Government and to pay interest on the Public debt," and the amendments thereto. Viz:*

	CARRIAGES, YACHTS, BILLIARD-TABLES, PLATE—DESCRIPTION.	VALUATION.	RATE.	AMOUNT.
4	Ounces Silver Plate,		3	12
	Horse Carriage,			

J. G. Mason Deputy Collector.

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Rates of Taxation.

City Purposes	30 cents on $100 valuation.
County Tax	12 " " "
Interest on Water Bonds	5 " " "
State	6 " " "
Volunteer Bounty Bonds	1 " " "

No. 303 First Ward.

VALUATION.

REAL ESTATE.....$4,000

PERSONAL, OR CHATTELS. . 5,00

Office of the Collector of Taxes,

No. 30 First street, one door from Washington.

Office Hours from 7 to 10 p. m.

Hoboken, October ..... *1864.*

Mrs J. Messerve 76 Hud St —

TO THE CITY OF HOBOKEN Dr.

CITY PURPOSES	For 1864,	7	50
INTEREST ON WATER BONDS	"	1	00
DOG	"		
MILITIA	"		
CITY POLL	"		
STATE POLL	"		
COUNTY	"	3	00
STATE	"	1	50
VOLUNTEER BOUNTY	"		25
VOLUNTEER BOUNTY POLL	"		
TOTAL		$13,	25

RECEIVED PAYMENT,

J. D. P. Mount

Collector.

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J. D. P. MOUNT, Collector.

A. O. Evans, Power Press Printer, 56 Washington St., Hoboken.

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City Purposes	30 cents on $100 valuation.
County Tax	12 " "
Interest on Water Bonds	5 " "
State	6 " "
Volunteer Bounty Bonds	1 " "

No. 3044 First Ward.

VALUATION.

REAL ESTATE.....$

PERSONAL OR CHATTELS. .

Office of the Collector of Taxes,
No. 30 First street, one door from Washington.
Office Hours from 7 to 10 p. m.

Hoboken, October ..... 1864.

Mr John J Meyers 76 Hud st

TO THE CITY OF HOBOKEN Dr.

		For 1864.	
CITY PURPOSES			
INTEREST ON WATER BONDS	"		
DOG	"		
MILITIA	"		
CITY POLL	"	1	00
STATE POLL	"	1	00
COUNTY	"		
STATE	"		
VOLUNTEER BOUNTY	"		
VOLUNTEER BOUNTY POLL	"	2	00
TOTAL		$4	00

RECEIVED PAYMENT,

J D P Mount

Collector.

The Commissioners of Appeals in cases of Taxation will meet at the Council Chamber, Odd Fellows' Hall, on the fourth Tuesday of November, at 10 o'clock A. M. Payment of Taxes must be made in BANKABLE MONEY, and all Taxes unpaid on the 20th day of December next will be returned according to law, when interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, with 5 per cent. on real estate, and 10 per cent. on personal estate additional for fees of Collector of Arrears will be added. Persons claiming deductions must apply to the Commissioners of Appeals. The Collector will receive Taxes until December 20.

J. D. P. MOUNT, Collector.

A. O. Evans, Power Press Printer, 56 Washington St., Hoboken.

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On 21 January 1865, JOHN signed as guarantor, a proposal to deliver 750,000 Standard Army Stockings to the U. S. Inspection Depot, Cincinnati, OH, by R. A. Francis, 24 Barclay Street, New York, NY. A reduced copy of the proposal and Guaranty follow:

New York Jan 21. 1865

Cincinnati Jan 1865

To Col Wm. W. McKim
Chief Quartermaster Depot
Cincinnati O.

Sir:

In response to your advertisement of January 12th 1865, published in the New York & Cincinnati newspaper, I, the undersigned, R. A. Francis No 24 Barclay St. City of New York State of New York hereby propose to deliver at the U. S. Inspection Depot, at Cincinnati, Ohio, the following articles, or any portion of them, at such times and at the prices hereinafter named, to-wit:

750,000 Seven Hundred and Fifty thousand pairs Standard Army Stockings at 43 3/4 Forty three and three quarters cents. per pair and deliver One Hundred & fifty thousand (150,000) pairs per month commencing deliverys February 15. 1865.

R. A. Francis
24 Barclay Street
New York

No. 18.] OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
CINCINNATI, OHIO, January 12, 1865.

PROPOSALS ARE INVITED BY THE UNDERSIGNED, until TUESDAY, January 24, 1865, at 12 o'clock M., for furnishing this Department with—

Great Coats, Footmens'—Army Standard;	
Woolen Blankets	do
Stockings	do
Great Coats, Straps	do
Camp Kettles,	do
Axe Handles,	do
National Colors,	do

To be delivered free of charge at the U. S. Inspection Warehouse, in this city, in good, new packages. (*The same to be made in accordance with the specifications on file at this office.*) *The name of the contractor, quantity, and kind of goods, number and date of contract, must be distinctly marked on each article and package.*

Parties offering goods, should make separate proposals for each article offered, and must distinctly state in their bids the quantity they propose to furnish, the price (*which should be written both in words and figures*) and conform to the terms of this advertisement, a copy of which should accompany each proposal.

Standard samples of the articles required, may be seen at the Office of Clothing and Equipage in this city.

Samples when submitted, must be marked and numbered to correspond with the proposal, and the parties thereto must guarantee that the goods shall be, in every respect, equal to Army Standard, otherwise the proposals will not be considered.

A guaranty, signed by two responsible persons, must accompany each bid, guaranteeing that the bidder will supply the articles awarded to him under his proposal.

Bids will be opened on Tuesday, January 24, 1865, at 12 o'clock M., at this office, and bidders are requested to be present.

Awards will be made on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1865.

Bonds will be required that the contract will be faithfully fulfilled.

Telegrams relating to Proposals will not be noticed.

Blank forms of Proposals, Contracts and Bonds may be obtained at this office.

The right to reject any bid deemed unreasonable is reserved.

Indorse envelope "Proposal for [here insert the name of the article offered]," and address

COL. WM. W. McKIM,
Chief Quartermaster Cincinnati Depot.

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We, the undersigned, hereby guarantee, that if, under this proposal, a Contract is awarded to R. A. Francis of the City of New York they will faithfully fulfill the same according to the terms thereof.

John J Messervé
of City of New York

[illegible] Cortlandt
of City of New York

Done at the City of New York
January 21st 1865.

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Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C., Feby. 23 1865.

Mr. John J. Messerve
92 Church street
New York city

Sir.

I herewith return Certificate of Release from Discharged duties &c. on Knit-Shirts delivered in July and August of 1864, under Contract of May 10th. 1864, made with Lieut. Col. D. H. Vinton A. Q. M. Genl. U.S.A. with Signature of Asst. Sec. of War attached.

By order of the Q. M. Genl.

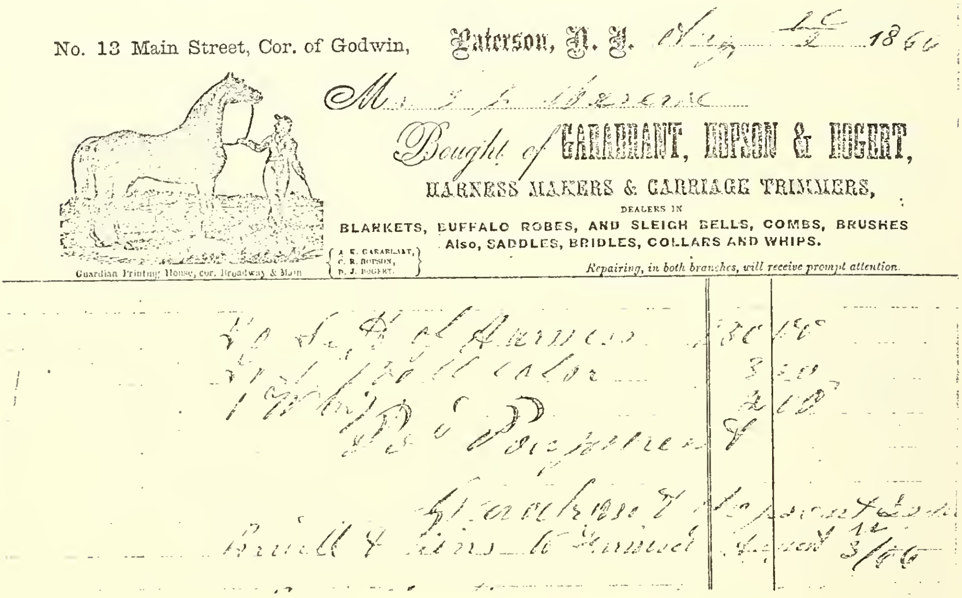
Respectfully
Your obt. Svt.
M. C. Meigs
A. Q. M. Genl. U.S.A.
Bt. Brig. Genl. U.S.A.

BK. 4. W. 644
4 Enclosures

We do not hear of or from JOHN and JULIA for nearly a year and a half until 13 June 1866, in a letter to JULIA from Mary S. Coggeshall at 441 West 47th Street, New York City, we are informed that the MESSERVE family has moved: 28

"I meant to have written long ago to inquire how you all bore the moving and if you are settled again & whether you all like your new home"

Although Mary doesn't mention it, the "new Home" is Squaw Brook Farm, in what was then Oldham or Manchester Township and later to be North Haledon, NJ. The only item we have for the year is a bill for harness purchased by JOHN on 2 August 1866:



No. 13 Main Street, Cor. of Godwin, Paterson, N. J. Aug 2 1866

Bought of GARABRANT, HOPSON & HOGERT,

HARNESS MAKERS & CARRIAGE TRIMMERS,

DEALERS IN

BLANKETS, BUFFALO ROBES, AND SLEIGH BELLS, COMBS, BRUSHES

Also, SADDLES, BRIDLES, COLLARS AND WHIPS.

A. E. GARABRANT, C. R. HOPSON, P. J. HOGERT.

Repairing, in both branches, will receive prompt attention.

Guardian Printing House, cor. Broadway & Main

JOHN kept a daily diary during the year of 1867. Entries for the first four months provides us with some bits of news. Extensive additions to the house were begun in 1867 and completed in 1869 by which the length of the house was tripled and a fourth story added. Until the end of April, all of our news comes from the diary:

3 January 1867: "Saw Greason & Co. Eliza Bec & Bro (?) Wm Creemer home with us" 3,9 22

Greason & Co. is the firm in which JULIA is a copartner. An entry on the following day indicates that JOHN was applying for a position as assistant bookkeeper:

4 January 1867: "ICC Journal Commerce Off. for assist Book-keeper Sit."

6 January 1867: "JULIA & Children & Self went to church Mr Hewes Preach"

7 January 1867: "Bo't Furs for Mrs M. mink Collar & muff $65 & Cap for Self $1"

"Mrs M" is JULIA and is confirmed by accounting entries at the back of the diary.

11 January 1867: "Wrote to Mr Buck - Call at Jas Talcott's & demanded my bal on Contracts - for 1100$ he said he would pay it but he wanted me to write up his books I staid till 12 ock at night 7½ Hours working on them"

12 January 1867: "Bo't Cleland a pair boots" 30

13 January 1867: "All went to Ch Mr Hewes Preached from Job 1.

14 January 1867: "Worked monday night at Talcotts till ½ Past 10 ock"

15 January 1867: "Elizabethport NJCRR 9½ A.M."

16 January 1867: "Worked on the Books till 10 ock Mr T. paid for Supper & car fare"

17 January 1867: "Heavy Snow Storm has not been so heavy for ten years got home all right"

18 January 1867: "Very Cold & Windy left home at 1 ock & arrived in N.Y. at 7 PM - principal delay by Ice in the River"

19 January 1867: "Very Cold left for home in the 3.45 train arrived home safely"

20 January 1867: "JULIA & My Self & Maggie Johny & Edgar went to Ch. Mr Hewes Preached Text Luke 10 C & 16 V" 15,18 34

25 January 1867: "Commenced work at Store J.T(alcott) Still out of town"

26 January 1867: "Worked to day - for J.T."

27 January 1867: "All went to Ch. Mr Hewes Preached in the two horse sleigh good Sleighing"

28 January 1867: "Commenced Carting Wood broke down carted one load & part of another"

29 January 1867: "Commenced again & carted one more settled with J.T. Rec $550."

30 January 1867: "Did not get to work to day"

31 January 1867: "Commenced again & carted two loads making

in all 5 loads"

1 February 1867: "Commenced again & broke down both sled & wagon so had to repair the wagon & finished so as to commenced work tomorrow"

2 February 1867: "Commenced again J.T's check paid this day for $550.

and in the back pages of the diary:

Shoes for JULIA P. $.85" 35

3 February 1867: "All went to Ch Mr Hewes Preached"

7 February 1867: "Fanny & James made us a visit Weather Foggy & Stormy" 8,27

8 February 1867: "Sold the H & L at Hoboken for $5500 1500$ Cash & bal Mortgage 3 yrs papers to pass 1st Mch /67

9 February 1867: "James returned to the City" 27

10 February 1867: "All went to Ch Mr H Preached Took Marr to Walk exceedingly Cold wind very high Took Fanny down to see the ditch it was doing very well" 6 8

11 February 1867: "Fanny & baby returned to N.Y. meet James who was Waiting for her" 8,31, 27

2 March 1867: "Left Mortgage to be recorded at Hudson City Court House paid fees $2 & Postage Stamps 5ø may expect to get it recorded & back in 4 Weeks"

10 March 1867: "Stormy day when down to Church but no Mr H, there"

11 March 1867: "Larie & Joe Watson worked on Barn foundation - Adams ½ day"

This was the first of a number of entries which records the extensive construction on the farm.

13 March 1867: "Sent 7 Hams & Sholders to Sturrs to be smoked"

16 March 1867: "Rec'd Mortgage after recording

Paid	Joe Watson	6 days	10 50	in full
do	Larie	"	10 50	in "
do	Adams	4 "	7 00	"

17 March 1867: "Snow storm no ch."

24 March 1867: "No Ch Mr Hewes sick"

25 March 1867: "Mother Becca & Mary Maynard returned to N.Y." 12,9, 32

JOHN omitted an entry to state when they arrived for the visit.

31 March 1867: "JULIA & Children Went to Ch Mr H P(reached) I did not go Warm Spring like day"

7 April 1867: "Went to Ch Mr H Preached William made us a visit set speckled Hen" 1

8 April 1867: "Found Turkey's nest 8 Eggs"

12 April 1867: "James Woods made us a visit" 33

13 April 1867: "Planted Potatoes in Vineyard"

19 April 1867: "Larie Isaac & Bob finished getting all dirt out of Cellar Took passage on board C of H for Hartford S.R. No. 21 $4.00 day fine & pleasant very summer like With Marr arrived at 7. AM Saturday" 6

It is likely that the purpose of JOHN's trip was to visit his sister and brother-in-law, AMANDA and ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD, and that his mother stayed on. 10, 11

21 April 1867: "Went to St Johns at 6 ock AM St Pauls M & E & Ch in evening"

22 April 1867: "Left Hartford at 8 10 for N.Y. fare $3.45 Hot(el) 3.85$"

28 April 1867: "Went to Ch Elected Officers"

The entries after this date were occasional and were only records of bills paid or items purchased. None were of news interest.

A reduced copy of a portion of the three page receipted bill for carpentry work performed at Squaw Brook Farm dated 1 June 1867 follows on the next page.

A letter from ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD, now at 194 Main Street, Norwich, CT, dated 11 July 1867, to his brother-in-law, JOHN, informs us that JOHN has been looking for a job but is apparently having difficulty in finding a suitable position: 11

"I am sorry to hear that you cannot find any business if you would not mind coming to this section there might be an opening"

Evidence of the difficulty is indicated by the wide time range between the dates of the following two letters; one a recommendation dated 18 July 1867 and the other an application (probably a draft) dated 5 December 1867, respectively:

"A. R. Pierson Esq Pres't

I have been acquainted with Mr J. J. MESSERVE for the last 10 or 12 years and have always known him to be a person of Character and Standing and would fill the position applied for with ability Yours Respectfully

Geo. Hunter
328 Washington St"

"Box 5915. P.O.

In answer to your advertisment, for a Salesman I would Offer my Services having some Experience in the Cloth business but would like to know what trade you would wish to Solicit weather in the city or Country & what part, but Come to the point, I think I can sell If liberal inducements are offered & are willing to be paid by the piece or percentage for what Sales I can effect. a line address to me will meet my early attendance upon You"

Between the lines, JOHN writes another version:

"have no fear but what I can sell enough enough to remunerate me for my services provided that suitable inducements are offer"

We find a personal reference to JOHN in a letter to him from his sister, AMANDA, writing from Norwich, CT, on 2 February 1868:

"I was glad to hear ---- that you all had a pleasant Christmas and you are getting along nicely with your church I am sorry that you hurt your arm so bad"

No more information was found about JOHN's arm but we have his rough notes for the minutes of the"Vestry Meeting Held at St Mary's Church Haledon NJ May 3d 1868" from which excerpts of interest follow:

"Mr Dimock reported that at an election held Tuesday evening at St Mary's church Haledon April 14. 1868. the following Gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year"

J. J. MESSERVE was listed as Vestrymen.

"on motion of Mr Dimock

J. J. MESSERVE' was elected secretary after some desultory remarks from Mr Dimock in support of the Minister for the next six months,"

"It was moved and seconded that Mr MESSERVE' & Robt Bridge Sen act as a committee to draw out Papers and to collect any moneys they can with power to add to their committee any one they think proper to aid them in the work & report at the next meeting of the Vestry Carried"

Our next news on 7 May 1868, from a letter to JOHN written by AMANDA at Norwich, reveals that JOHN has still not found a suitable position and that his problem with his sore arm first referred to in February persists:

"you say that you will Plant the Seeds I sent you if you have now put them in the Ground I would like you to make three plantens of them some now some in two weeks then some more in two weeks after that so you have longer thay would not be Ripe all at once. I sent you Some potato onions one thay tell me will yield more then some others will I sent JULIA a Burners for a Lamp let me know if it fit the lamp and how she likes it ---- how has your shoulder I think I would use cold water to it now ---- cant you get anything to do in Paterson you must try let

it be known that you cannot work on the farm and you want something to do go for a low Salary till you get in then you might get more."

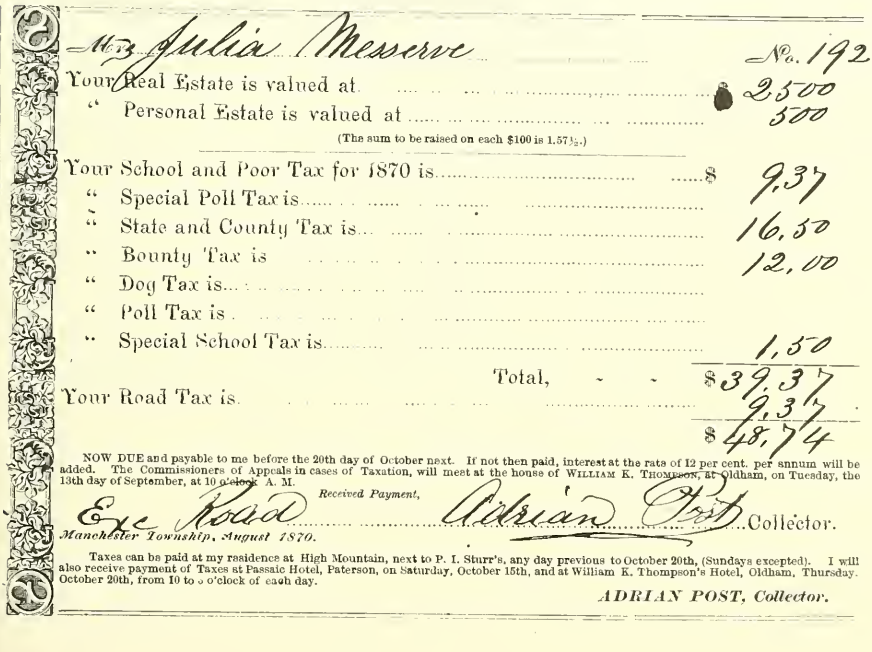
Only one more bit of news for the year has been found. Apparently, according to the note from Henry C. Howells to his son, Frank, inclosed with the letter from his wife, Georgie, to JULIA on 19 July 1868, written from Grindlewald, Switzerland, JULIA was taking care of Frank while the parents were touring Europe: 36,37 25

"---- the pen I hold is making black marks - and Cousin JULIA will be able to tell you what the marks mean"

Work on the enlargement of the house on Squaw Brook Farm was completed in 1869. Reduced copies of receipts and work records follow on the next three pages, followed in turn by pictures of the home. The only personal news we have for the year we find in a letter written on 14 February 1869 to JULIA from Georgie in New York: 25

"I was greatly grieved to hear that three of your dear ones were sick with the Fever."

According to the receipts which follow, we know that JOHN and JULIA paid their municipal taxes in 1870 but that is all we know of their activities for the year.



Mrs Julia Messerve No. 192

Your Real Estate is valued at ..... $ 2500
" Personal Estate is valued at 500

(The sum to be raised on each $100 is 1.57½.)

Your School and Poor Tax for 1870 is ..... $ 9.37
" Special Poll Tax is 16.50
" State and County Tax is 12.00
" Bounty Tax is 1.50
" Dog Tax is 39.37
" Poll Tax is 9.37
" Special School Tax is $48.74

Total, - - $

Your Road Tax is .....

NOW DUE and payable to me before the 20th day of October next. If not then paid, interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum will be added. The Commissioners of Appeals in cases of Taxation, will meet at the house of WILLIAM K. THOMPSON, at Oldham, on Tuesday, the 13th day of September, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Received Payment,

Adrian Post Collector.

Manchester Township, August 1870.

Taxes can be paid at my residence at High Mountain, next to P. I. Sturr's, any day previous to October 20th, (Sundays excepted). I will also receive payment of Taxes at Passaic Hotel, Paterson, on Saturday, October 15th, and at William K. Thompson's Hotel, Oldham, Thursday, October 20th, from 10 to 5 o'clock of each day.

ADRIAN POST, Collector.

H. HARWOOD,
CARPENTER
AND
BUILDER.
444 & 446 Main Street,
PATERSON, N. J.
Doors, Sashes, Blinds, &c
KEPT CONSTANTLY ON HAND.
Jobbing Attended to
AT SHORT NOTICE.

Accounts to be settled the 1st of each month. Interest charged on all bills past due.

Paterson, N. J., June 1st 186[illegible]

Mr. Messerve

TERMS NET CASH. To HENRY HARWOOD, Dr.

March	2	225 ft	Nails	8c	18	00
"	"	21 "	Spikes	9c	1	80
"	"		Carting 2 Load		2	00
"	"	2½ days	Work . Street .	3.75	9	38
"	"	2½ "	" . McCurdy .	3.00	7	50
"	"	3½ "	" . Mehary .	2.25	7	88
"	"	2½ "	" . Williams .	2.50	5	63
"	"	3½ "	" . Gorge .	2.25	7	88
"	16	2½ hrs	" .	40c	1	00
May	1	52 ft	Pine	4½c	3	38
"	"	7 hrs	Work . Elias .	30c	2	10
"	9	1 Pce	Pine 4×8 - 18ft - 72ft	5½c	3	96
"	"		Cartage		1	00
"	"	70	Weather Boards	45c	31	50
"	"		Cartage		1	00
"	10	27	2in Spruce Plank	77c	20	79
"	"	1 Pce	Pine 4×4 - 24ft - 52ft	5½c	2	86
"	"	Cartage	3 Trips	1.00	3	00
"	"	5	" " . Mehary .	2		
"	"	4	" " . Hench .	2.00	8	00
"	"	Carting	. Mem .		1	00
"	28	Carting	. Mem .		1	00
"	29	2 Days	Work . Street .	3.75	7	50
"	"	2 "	" . Doty .	2.50	5	00
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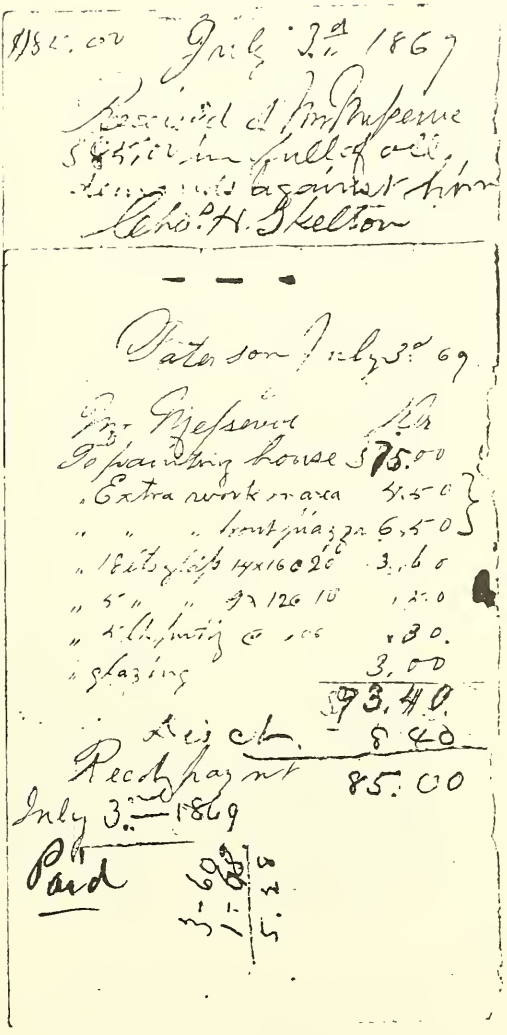
Received Payment
Henry Harwood for J. R. Elias



Manchester Township Passaic Co. N.J. June 21st 1869 Received from I. I. Messervé One Hundred dollars on account of Mason Work done
$100. William Titus

Manchester Township Passaic Co N.J. July 5th 1869 Received from I. I. Messervé Eighty five dollars in full of all demands for Painting Work Done on his house at Squaw brook this is a duplicate Receipt.
$85.00/100 Chas M. Skelton

Manchester Township Passaic Co N.J. July 5th 1869 Received from I. I. Messervé Two Hundred dollars on account Carpenter work done on his house at Squaw brook
$200. Wm H Speas

Manchester Township Passaic Co N.J. July 10th 1869 Received from I. I. Messervé Seven dollars which is the balance due & it is in full of all demands for mason work done on his house at Squaw brook to date.
$7. [illegible]

Manchester Aug 14th 69
Received of I. I. Messervé the sum of One Hundred & Fifty Dollars on account of work done on his house at Squaw Brook Manchester Township
Wm H Speas

"Squaw Brook" 1893

Corner High Mountain Road
and Squaw Brook Road

North Haledon, NJ

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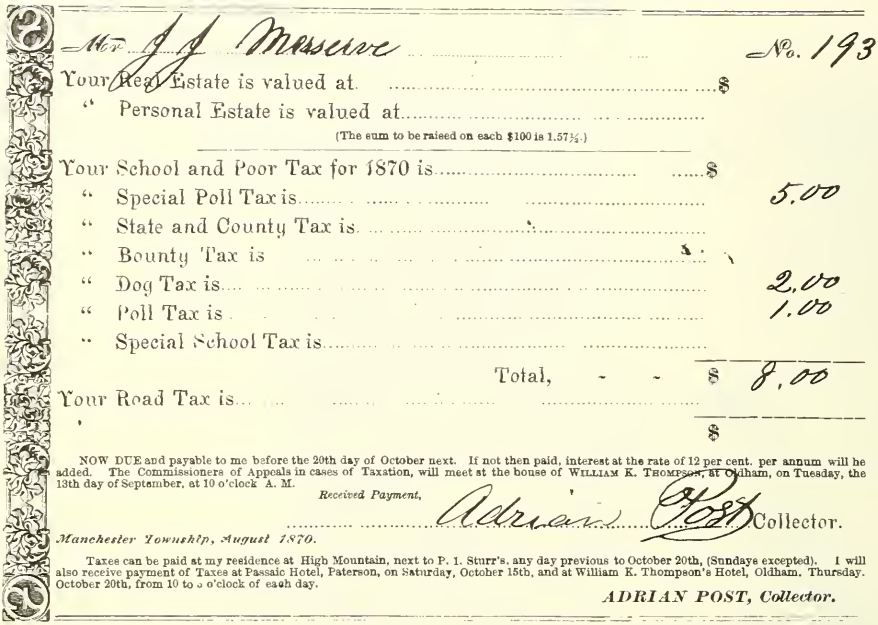

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According to the "History of North Haledon" authored by Robert Wynfield Maynard, by 1868, Manchester Township had four school districts: Totowa No. 9, Hawthorne (Morrow's Mills) No. 10, Goffle No. 11, and Haledon No. 12. A meeting was called by the District Clerk, Samuel Berry, for 5 May 1870, for the purpose of voting on a division of the School District into two parts for the convenience of families living in the northerly part of the District. As a result, school was held at both the Oldham School House located near the Oldham Pond in Haledon and in the MESSERVE' home near the present school. 38

That JOHN was active in local school affairs was apparent as early as September in 1871 in that an application dated 18 September 1871 for a teaching position in a school of the District and an acceptance of such a situation by Jarvis B. Buxton dated 27 September 1871 were both addressed to him.

In "Tracy's School Record" for the school-year of 1871-1872, are listed the attendence and class divisions for all of the children of JOHN and JULIA except the eldest, Margaret Cleland Messerve'; that is, John Edwin, Edgar Barron, Cleland, JULIA PUTNAM, and Wallace Messerve'. 15 18,34,30 35,39

In an undated draft of a letter to Thos. D. Hoxsey, written on the back of a bill which was dated 1 March 1871 and heading of George Routledge & Sons, JOHN refers to his position as trustee

of Haledon School District No. 12:

> "I am now serving out my second term of trustee of this school District, & all that time I have been hard at work, to perfect the school system - so that all the children of every grade in the District shall come within its benifits - The Trustees have asked for an appropriation of 1000$ for the repair of the present old school house or $2500 - for a new school house wh we sadly need at a meeting to take place at the School House on Monday evening May 20th 8 oclock but we cannot get such men as you out to vote the funds - not that you care a copper about the amount of the Tax you would have to pay (& probably it would be five or ten times as large as the most of us would pay) - but it the trouble & the effort to get out to the meeting ----"

The only reasonable year to choose in which the 20th of May falls on a Monday is 1872, so that is certainly the year of his letter to Mr. Hoxsey. If we assume the terms of JOHN's position of trustee coincide with a school-year, he must have started his first term in 1870. This assumption is given support by the decision to use the MESSERVE' home as a school at the meeting of 5 May 1870.

On 22 August 1871, J. C. Cruickshank, County Superintendent, addressed JOHN, apparently in answer to an inquiry concerning the use of two school locations within the same District:

> "---- Your School is but <u>one</u> having one Board of Trustees though of two departments. and can only be Known in its present form as No 12. of Haledon Passaic Co. ----"

A draft of a letter from JOHN dated 27 February 1872 on the letted head of George Routledge & Sons, Publishers, Booksellers and Importers, 416 Broome Street, New York, NY, and his use of the back of a bill from the same Company suggests that JOHN is employed by the firm but we have no other information to confirm this. The letter on which JOHN signed himself as "ClerK" was addressed to Mr. Jarvis B. Buxton at Trinity College, Hartford, CT:

> "Your Brother intimated to me when he left Haledon last saturday morning that he expected you would leave Hartford to resume your school duties on Sunday 25th inst and so as to be there yesterday morning not seeing you last evening I write you that I may know the cause."

JOHN received the answer in a letter from the brother dated 28 February 1872 stating that Jarvis had chosen to remain at the College and would not return to his teaching position in one of the District schools.

Of some historical interest is the bill for school supplies purchased by JOHN. Notice particularly the slates. The bill is shewn on the following page.

The only social news we have for the year is from a letter to JOHN from his sister, AMANDA, writing from Savannah, GA, on 27 October 1872, who referred to her son, ROBERT's visit with JOHN and JULIA: 10 40

"I wrote to JULIA about ROB coming I was glad when he got home again I think it done him a great deal of good to be in Paterson"

All Claims for Allowance must be made within five days after receipt of Goods.—Not responsible for Goods sent out to be packed.

New York, 9th Sept. 1872.

Mr John J. Messerve.

Register 100

Folio 7.

Salesman

Bought of J. W. Schermerhorn & Co.,

PUBLISHERS, BOOKSELLERS, AND

Manufacturers of School Furniture and Apparatus,

No. 14 BOND STREET

TERMS—Net Cash, New York City Funds, or with Exchange.

6 P&W. Nat'l. Primers.	.75-32%	1.02
6 " " 1st Read	.38- "	1.56
2 Quarts School Ink.	.50-1/5	.80
1 Doz. Slates 6 & 9	2.30-1/3	1.54
2 Boxes German S. Pencils.	.18	.36
2 " White Crayons.	.18	.36
6 P&W. Primers.	.75-32%	1.02
2 Doz. P&F. Asstd.	1.80-1/3	2.40
1 Greenleaf New Pry. Arith.	.75-32%	17

$9.23

JOHN succeeded Samuel Berry as Clerk of the School District in 1872 and, according to the aforementioned "History of North Haledon", served in that capacity until 1885. We find a confirmation of his office in the "New Jersey School Register for 1872 to 1873 for School District No. 12 In the Township of Manchester, County of Passaic" in which JOHN's name appears as District Clerk, JULIA's as Teacher and also their eldest child, Maggie's, then 20 years of age, as Teacher. Among the students listed are the younger children of JOHN and JULIA; Edgar Barron, Cleland, JULIA PUTNAM and Wallace Messerve'. Their son, John Edwin Messerve, was not listed in the School Register but was included with his younger brothers and sister in the School Census of District No 12, Manchester Township, for 1873: 15 34,30, 35,39, 18

"Parent's Names	Children's Names	Ages
JOHN J. & JULIA MESSERVE'	John Edwin	17
	Edgar B.	13
	Cleland	11
	JULIA P.	10
	Wallace	7

On 21 February 1873, JOHN was addressed as District Clerk in a letter from Ellis A. Apgar, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Trenton, NJ:

> "The inclosed circular will explain to you that no money can be secured from the school fund on school bonds until the act authorizing such loans is amended. The prospects are that the needed amendment will be made by the present Legislature. If so you probably will be able to secure the money you need.
>
> Your views, relative to the importance of enforcing by law the erection of suitable school buildings where needed, are correct. I hope it will not be long before we have such an act passed."

Referring again to the "History of North Haledon", early in 1873, the Village of Haledon drew up a petition for the creation of a separate School District extending up to the line of the Oldham Dam, an action which increasingly arouses the ire of JOHN as we see in the following drafts and letters; the first, a draft dated 24 March 1873 from JOHN to Rev. J. C. Cruickshank, County Superintendent:

> "I send you as per request a List of children in Haledon School District No. 12 according to the census taken Aug. 1872. said children reside north of the line petitioned for by the inhabitants residing south of that line to wit-------- commencing on Northerly boundary of T. Leonhardt's farm thence running in a straight line to the southerly boundary of Dr. Mc Clelland's property: Mr. Leonhard will not petition either one way or the other - I find that we have but 78 children between the ages 5 & 18. and by this division we shall lose the oldham Works a property worth about $40,000. also Thos. D. Hoxsey, Geo Sumner, Townley Mc Intosh's John Ryle & Stansberry Residences together worth more than $100,000 who do not appear by a single name upon your petition - & by the summary manner in which the petition has been granted I do not see but you have debared from remon-

stating by not offering us an opportunity as we have as good a right to this $150,000 in equity as the Village has - but by making an arbitrary line to gratify a few irresponsible who are largely in the majority - & where is the spirit of fairness in it, I cannot see, Is this the motive which has prompted our Villagers to ask for the division If it is I think you should be slow in granting it.----"

Also in March, JOHN wrote a draft on the subject addressed to Ellis A. Apgar. There are two versions of the draft. When the dif ferences are of interest, what appears to be an earlier one will be copied but identified by a doubled indentation:

"We have just been notified by our County Superintendent Mr J. C. Criukshank"That a petition signed by forty four legal Voters of Haledon Village had been submitted to him during a recent illness of his. which he had forwarded to you at Trenton asking to be formed into District No 36 (Haledon Village) with reasons. The division is on the North side of the Leonhardt farm crossing the Pond & the south line of Dr. Mc Clelland's Property" The petition has been granted and will be perfected as soon as he is able to make the requisite details"

This notice is the first intimation we had that there was such a proceeding in existance and we think when you hear the details, you will not approve of it the petition claims to be signed by 44 Legal Voters nearly half of that number are irresponsible persons seven of that number cannot read or write -

nearly half of that number are wholly irresponsible people, many of them of intemperate habits. If you will send for the original petition you will find that 7 of the petitioners cannot write their own names.

there is a very large property which has no direct interest in common with the Village which lies outside of the Village from ¼ to ½ a mile, which is not represented on the petition by a single name altho the Value will exceed the sum of one Hundred & fifty thousand dollars taxable property property

Mr Cruikshank says the petitioners are seceeders and are to form a new district by the Number 36 and cannot have any division of the property - & the division is wanted for the benifit of the Village but why form the line so as to take in so much non-interested property outside the Village with no children connected with it to educate and leave the original district with barely enough to keep up the school district namely 78 - in a weakly pecuniary condition being mostly Farmers isolated & interspersed with great deal of unimproved land & where the growth is comparitively slow----

Now for the motives of the Villagers in dividing the District, ---- It now contains 1 Church, our Primary School, 1 blacksmith shop, 1 wheelwright - 2 grocery stores, half a dozen Gin Mills or Public Houses of doubtful repute, and 20 or more 4 dwelling houses:----The Villagers have tried for the last three years to get the control of the Board of Trustees so that all the money of the District could be expended in the village ---- and not having succeeded in doing so thus far, they endeavor to proceed by the short cut of circulat-

ing a petition in the different gin-mills, get 44 signers, and submit it to the County Superintendent who is confined to his bed with bilious fever.----"

JOHN shows his feelings in his letter to Ellis A. Apgar written on 7 April 1873:

"I have been called upon by our Township Clerk to make out a financial report of the School District, for the past year, up to the 1st of April 1873.

This, according to his statement, is by order of the County Superintendent Mr. Cruikshank, who he says has instructed him to obtain a similar report from each of the other District Clerks in the Township.

On the first of September 1872, I handed in a proper and duly sworn to, financial report, for the School Year, ending Aug. 31st 1872; on a printed form furnished by the County Superintendent, who told me that said report was all that would be required for the year.

I should be glad to be informed if there is any recent enactment, requiring me to furnish another financial report, to date from April 1st 1872.

In regard to the seceding portion of the district, are they entitled to any part of the School property? The County Superintendent says not. What is the law in reference to it?

The Villagers petitioned to divide the District by a certain line. Mr. Cruikshank has apparently accepted their division, although he informed me, that he intended to adjust it in detail.

He has appointed a board of Trustees, for the Village, and has appointed their Clerk, overlooking the fact that one of our Trustees resides in the Village.

He is one of our board, but cannot act with us living out of the District, as divided.

I think our County Superintendent has been unduly influenced in this division of the District, and this will in a great measure destroy his usefulness.----"

In the reply from Ellis Apgar dated 9 April 1873, JOHN receives a bit of encouragement:

"The only financial report required of District Clerks is that rendered on the first of Sept. I will write to Mr. Cruikshank about the matter.

In reference to the division of your district I wish to do whatever will best promote your school interests. The division was called for by quite a long list of petitioners and the new district has already taken action toward building a new school house - at least so I am informed. At present I am dispost to think that it will be unwise to set the dist. back as it was. In your petition you state that in case the division remains the dividing line, at least should be changed. Will you please send me a map of the original district with the dividing line as you understand Mr. Cruikshank proposes to establish it, and

the dividing line desired by your petitioners and your reasons for the latter. If any other and better line than the one first asked for can be fixed upon I shall be glad to do what I can to secure the change."

The draft of the letter addressed to Mr. Apgar dated 15 April 1873, is apparently JOHN's answer to the letter of 9 April:

"On looking at the map it will be observed that the upper section of the district, is composed of farming lands, comprising about thirty-four resident owners and about two thirds of said section, wild mountain land at a low assessed valuation.

The reverse of this state of things, is true of the Village of Haledon. Its proximity to Paterson has caused nearly the whole area to be laid out in Cottage lots, or Villa Sites, differing in value from four hundred dollars per lot, to four thousand dollars, per acre.

You will perceive from our previous complaints, that we have not been consulted as to a dividing line, at any time, not even by the Superintendent, and it is this dividing line, that we complain of, and we think, justly inasmuch as it leaves us in a very poor condition. A perfectly natural as well as fait dividing line, would be to take the line of the Oldham brook, until it forms a junction with the brook running from the Wayne Township line, down the side of the Preakness road.

This line would still leave the balance of values, in favor of the Village school, as also by far the largest population, while at the same time, it would inflict no hardship, or injustice, on any one.

There is also another reason, why said natural line, should be taken, inasmuch, as the time is very short ere the Village of Haledon, will be absorbed, into the City of Paterson.

If the line as sought to be established by the Villagers should remain, there would be left the strip we now claim, as the Paterson City line, would not go beyond the natural boundary aforesaid.

A spirit of justice, as well as future economy alike indicate the course that should be taken. The actual area of the Village would then, be greater, than the strip of land both sides of a road, some 2½ miles in length bounded by the wild lands aforesaid, composing the upper district, with the certainty of its population increasing a hundred pr. ct. faster.

On the map I have drawn a line dividing the district according to the assessed value of the property, as nearly equal as I could from the assessors books.

This division would give us $20,000 more property than Mr Cruikshank's line would give us. Thus there are three lines of division viz: the natural division (that described by the brooks) which would give to the upper district about $130,000 of Property with no prospect of increase in Value or population for some years to come, while the Village property will continue to increase both in Value and population from 10 to 15 per cent per annum.

Next the line dividing the district - nearly equally as to assessed Value of Property which give us $99,000, & to the Village $105,000 and next the line of Mr Cruikshank which gives to the Village over $125,000 assessed Value of property, leaving us about $79,000 of property with 78 children --------

I enclosed you Mr Rose resignation that you may judge of its tone. What his feelings are upon the subject -"

JOHN was completely wrong in his prediction that Haledon would soon be absorbed into the City of Paterson and lost his battle for the boundary. The southern boundary of the Borough of North Haledon is that of the original petitioners of the Village of Haledon.

A draft of an inquiry dated 23 April 1873 from JOHN to Robert Gilchrist, Attorney General for the State of New Jersey, and a letter from Mr. Apgar, dated 28 April 1873, addressed to John referred solely to tax and legal matters and are not being quoted from.

Personal news of JOHN and JULIA are meagre for 1873. On May 2, ten year old JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE' wrote to her mother who was away visiting relatives in New York City: 35

"This morning Papa forgot his spectacles and when he got to Paterson he thought of them and sent Edgar back for them" 34

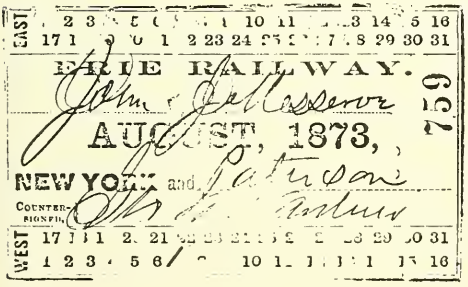
The next day, a letter dated 3 May 1873 was written to JULIA by her seven year old son, Wallace: 39

"JULIA is writing a letter to you and I thought I would see if I could not write one too.

First I would like to know how you feel today. Did you get wet when you went to New York? ----

Please give my love to all and some is for you"

We are not certain for whom JOHN is working but the well punched Erie Railway Tickets for August and November 1873 for travel between Paterson, NJ, and New York provide us with evidence that he has a position in New York City. Copies of the face and back of each monthly ticket follow: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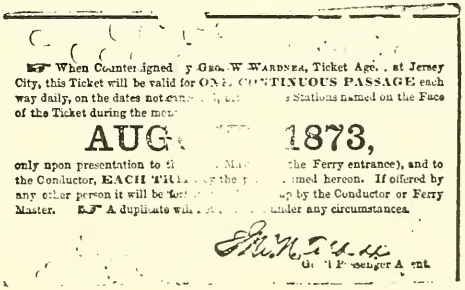
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AUG 1873,

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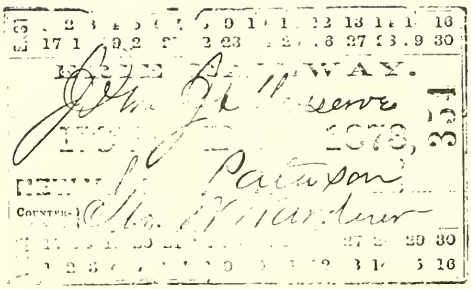
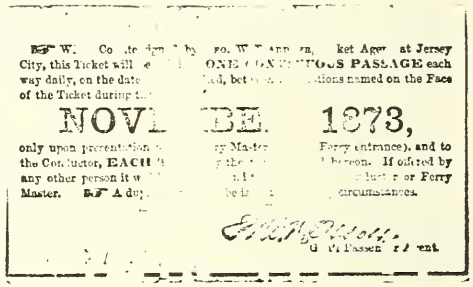
General Passenger Agent.





Young Wallace refers to the use of the MESSERVE' home as a school in part of his letter of 15 December 1873 to his maternal grandmother, JULIA COTTRELL: 39

"Did you know we have all the school children up in our house? There are over fifty scholars."

An interesting letter was written and sent to Mr. Apgar by JOHN on 19 January 1874, the draft of which we quote in its entirety:

"I write you to ascertain if there are any System of Public instruction in the State Board or in your possession for District Schools of the State. or may be you can inform me of some plan already perfected whereby a Teacher can instruct a school of sixty to seventy Pupils with all the different grades A.B.C Reading spelling - Grammar Geography Arithmetic Astronomy etc. Writing Bookkeeping the like besides Now & then a Pupil in geometry Triganomitry Euclid. with a pupil or two in Latin & Greek. who cannot be excluded I am told but can demand their proper share of the Teachers attention, also what is you opinion of Teaching by the System of Object Lectures or easy lectures without the Illustrations If any Pupils have to be omitted or neglected should it be the older or younger portion of the scholars or rather those most advanced or those in the lower branches - any suggestion you can give me on any of these points will be thankfully received."

On March 2nd 1874, JOHN wrote and signed a "School Notice" calling for a public meeting concerning a new school:

"A meeting of the Legal Voters of School District No 12, Manchester Township, Passaic Co. N.J. will be held on Saturday Evening March 14th 1874, at 8 o'clock, at Messerve's House, to authorize the Trustees to select and purchase a site for a new School House, and also to vote for the sum of Fifteen Hundred dollars, towards building a new School House & paying for the Site."

A month later, on 11 April 1874, a notice was signed by JOHN calling for another meeting on the subject:

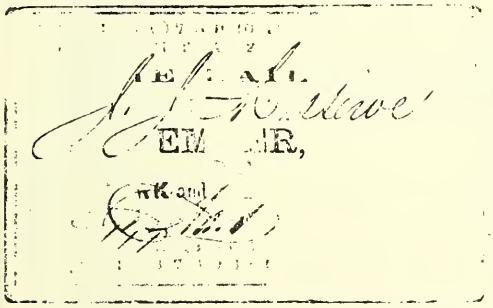
"A Meeting of the Legal Voters of School District No 12 will be held at the Oldham School House on Tuesday evening April 21st

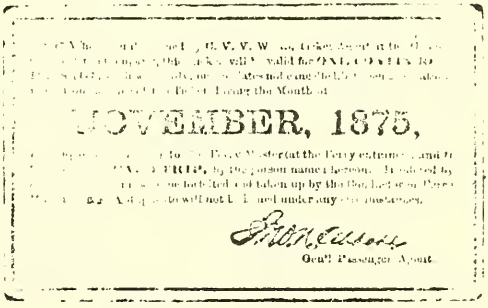
1874 at 8. o.clock for the purpose of Authorizing the trustees of Said District to Exchange the old School House & lot in part payment for a new School House and Purchase of a site in a more central part of the District together with such sum of money as shall be Voted for: not to exceed the Sum of Fifteen Hundred dollars also empowering the trustees to issue their Bonds for a part of the Said Sum for two years at legal interest making the payments Five Hundred dollars a year for three years also to Vote One Hundred dollars for incidental expenses."

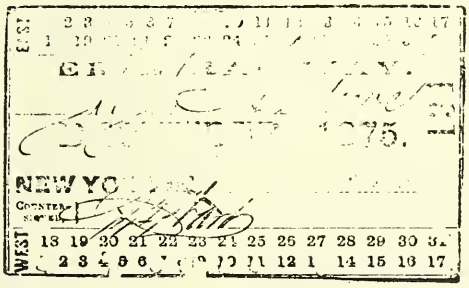
As a result of the meeting, most of the school property was purchased from Thomas Butterworth and the remaining part donated by JOHN JACOB MESSERVE'. The new school house, 30 x 40 feet, was built by Joseph R. Street for $1900 and was ready for occupancy in 1875.

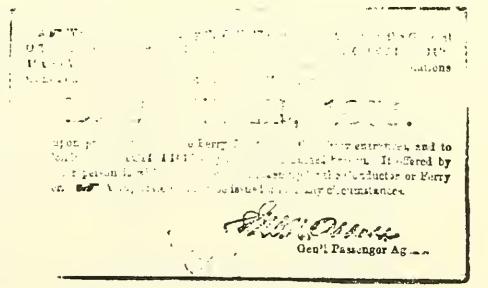
The only other records we have for the year 1874 is the receipt for "shewing" "Hors" by John Gillmor which is shown on the next page:

Except for the copies of JOHN's Erie Railway Tickets for the months of November and December, 1875 for passage between Paterson and New York City, shown below, we have no news of JOHN and JULIA for the year:









We have no news of JOHN and JULIA at all for 1875 or for the following year, 1876, except for the tragic death of their son, Wallace, which is reported in detail in the history of the boy's life. 39

HORSE SHOER.

Paterson, N. J., Dec 3. 1874

Mr. [illegible], Jersey

To JOHN GILLMOR, Dr.

No. 77 River Street.

Jun 1/73	Shewing	"	Hors	$ 2 00
July 24	Shewing	"	Hors	1 50
Aug 8	Shewing	"	Hors	00 60
29	Shewing	"	Hors	00 25
Sept 15	Shewing	"	Hors	00 [illegible]
22	Shewing	"	Hors	1 30
Apr 13/74	Shewing	"	Hors	2 00
				$ 8.25

It is not clear what motivated JOHN's inquiry concerning a purchase of a farm in Kansas; the death of his son, Wallace, inadequate income from Squaw Brook Farm, reasons of health or the departure to the West of his oldest son, John Edwin, in the Fall of 1876. The answer addressed to JOHN from Thomas & Wilson, Real Estate, Loan, Exchange, Collecting and Insurance Agents, Parsons, Kansas, dated 10 February 1877 follows: 39 18

> "Your favor 6th Inst to hand. We suppose that the fever and ague part of your proposition is intended as a joke. We could not safely guarantee against the vile attacs of either in this country, or any other. Our rates of Com are 5% on all amounts from $500 to $5000 - 2½% on amts above $5000. Is there any incumbrance on your property. It will be a hard matter to exchange property in this country for property like yours on account of the value being large and farm small. Will try however what we can do. Please let us hear from you again. Would you exchange for wild lands."

The only other communication that we have for the year is in answer to another inquiry by JOHN from Wheeler & Wilson Mfg. Co., 44 14th Street, Union Square, New York, NY, dated 31 July 1877:

> "Yours of 28th is just to hand.
>
> It can hardly be said that the Mariposa Mining stock has a market value, It is an unfinished enterprise and cannot be said to have a market value any more than an unfinished house or any other unfinished job, Its value is prospective. If you will call again we can perhaps come to some understanding"

A letter from John Edwin Messerve' from Civer, IL on 28 March 1878 to his father, implies that JOHN is still working in New York but wants to devote his full time to farming: 18

> "----As to whether I should like to take your position or not, or something else of the same sort near New York; I say, I would <u>like</u> to, very much ---- but it seems to me that it would not be advisable for us to make the change just now. ---- I suppose you speak of this now, so that if the change could be made, you could commence work on the farm as soon as possible: I think you would find it harder than what you are doing now. ---- you can't expect the farm to pay very well anyhow, and if you can "stick it out" at 32 6 St. during the mild season, I might take hold when the winter comes on. ---- I fully appreciate your concern for me, in wishing me to get into some "growing" position, and I do wish that you could quit work altogether.-----"

It would appear that JOHN was experiencing some financial difficulties which prompted JOHN and JULIA to mortgage their household furniture to JULIA's sister, Margaret Cleland, for $1200. Reduced copies of the face page and inventory list of the mortgage dated 26 June 1878 follow on the next two pages: 7

The marriage of their oldest child, Margaret Cleland Messerve', to G. Theodor Leonhard, prompted the two letters to JULIA from Georgie C. Howells, writing from Flushing, Long Island, NY, on 15 41 25

Mortgage on Goods and Chattels.—*I or We.* W. Reid Gould, Law Blank Publisher and Stationer, 168 Nassau St., N. Y.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, KNOW YE THAT We, John J. Messervé, and Julia his Wife, of the Township of Manchester Passaic County New Jersey

of the first part, for securing the payment of the money hereinafter mentioned, and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to us duly paid by Margaret Cleland of the City of New York 7

of the second part, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell unto the said party of the second part, The Household Furniture,

and all other goods and chattels mentioned in the schedule hereunto annexed, and now in the Premises at Squaw Brook Farm at Oldham N. J.

To have and to hold, all and singular the goods and chattels above bargained and sold, or intended so to be, unto the said party of the second part, her executors, administrators and assigns for ever. **And** we the said parties of the first part, for ourselves our heirs, executors and administrators, all and singular the said goods and chattels above bargained and sold unto the said party of the second part, her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, against us the said parties of the first part, and against all and every person or persons whomsoever, shall and will warrant, and for ever defend. **Upon Condition,** that if we the said parties of the first part, shall and do well and truly pay unto the said party of the second part, her executors, administrators or assigns, The Sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars, in one year from the date thereof, unless renewed by the said party of the second part,

then these presents shall be void. **And** we the said parties of the first part, for ourselves, our executors, administrators and assigns do covenant and agree to and with the said party of the second part, her executors, administrators and assigns, that in case default shall be made in the payment of the said sum above mentioned, then it shall and may be lawful for, and we the said parties of the first part, do hereby authorize and empower the said party of the second part her executors, administrators and assigns, with the aid and assistance of any person or persons, to enter said dwelling-house, store, and other premises, and such other place or places as the said goods or chattels are or may be placed, and take and carry away the said goods or chattels, and to sell and dispose of the same for the best price they can obtain; and out of the money arising therefrom, to retain and pay the said sum above mentioned, and all charges touching the same; rendering the overplus (if any) unto us or to our executors, administrators or assigns. **And** until default be made in the payment of the said sum of money we are to remain and continue in the quiet and peaceable possesssion of the said goods and chattels, and the full and free enjoyment of the same.

In Witness whereof, we the said parties of the first part, have hereunto set our hand and seal the 26th day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

H. C. Hudson

John J. Messervé,
Julia Messervé

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING MORTGAGE:

4 Black Walnut Bedsteads
2 Feather Beds
60 Yds Brussels Carpet
1 Dining Table
2 Cherry Tables
1 Mahogany Table
1 Black Walnut Stand
3 Looking Glasses
3 Mattresses
1 Book-Case and 100 Volumes
2 Bureaus with Glasses
1 Mahogany Bureau
1 Mahogany Hair Seat Sofa
8 " " " Chairs
2 " " " " Rocking Chairs
2 Parlor Stoves
3 Iron Bedsteads
8 Kitchen Chairs
1 Green covered lounge
All the Kitchen Utensils
3 Wash Bowls and Pitchers
2 Horses
3 Cows, 2 pigs, 4 Calves - 100 Chickens
1 Old carriage, 1 Market wagon, 2 light wagons
2 Farm wagons - 5 Plows 1 Harrow, 2 small Harrows, 1 Horse Rake, 4 Hand Rakes 4 hoes,
1 Double Harness
2 Sets Single Harness
1 Cart and Harness
1 Ox Yoke and 3 Chains
1 Cross cut Saw, 1 Cutting Box, 4 Hay Forks,
1 Shovel, 1 Spade, 2 Crowbars, 5 Tons of Hay
All the carpenters Tools on the Farm.

Witness
H E Emerson

John A Messerve
Julia Messerve

5 March and 21 March 1879 respectively:

"Will you, dear JULIA, do me the pleasure to accept the enclosed and purchase some gift for cousin Maggie. say, please, it is a slight token of the interest I feel in her, for the sake of the love I have always borne for her dear Mother." 15

"Your welcome letter reached me on Monday. Your good judgment, in which I always had faith, led you, I think, to an excellent decision for my token of remembrance to Cousin Maggie -- I am glad that Maggie is so happily married. ---- When the information of Cousin Maggies' marriage reached me, the idea occurred to me that, having more room, you might possibly be willing to take poor Sarah under your roof and assume the office of her guardian." 15 24

We know that JULIA visited relatives in New York City but do not have any dates; only the reference by Julia Cleland Woods in her letter to JULIA on 18 May 1879: 42

"I have not heard from Aunt Fanny since you were here" 8

A gap in news of JOHN and JULIA occurs until 13 December 1883. The only bit of memorabilia during this period is the notice of a drawing of the Colorado State Lottery to take place on 19 April, 1881, which is shown on the next page:

Our first indication that JOHN has been ill comes from a letter written by his son, John, from Mendota, MO, to JULIA on 13 December 1883: 18

"I am sorry that Papa was taken sick just as he was getting ready to go south but hope he will recover soon and be able to go before very cold weather"

JOHN did recover well enough to travel south to Atlanta, GA, for an extended visit with his sister, AMANDA. He wrote to JULIA just one hour after his arrival at two P.M. on 21 December 1883: 10

"I arrived at 2 ock ROBT & AMANDA ROBBIE & little Robby Mary's son was at Depot to rec me - but to begin where we left off Theo after taking you up came back after me in less than 20 minutes & Fanny & Co made up a party of 4 we drove to shirt store & after measure he pronounced them large enough to wit 67 inches so I put them in my bag at the depot & the Train left at 6 ock landed me in Jersey City 7 10 after buying ticket & hunted up my two bags & had them checked to Atlanta. after loosing sight of them from the time I left J.C. till I saw them Safe & sound in Atlanta Car shed & now here in AMANDA's house I stood the journey good ate up all you gave me except one I gave a Gentleman was address by a lady friend as professor Hunt of Albany GA & she accepted one herself & ate it too & told that they were made by my wife she & Gent said they were very nice well I knew it wither they did or not - well on the Route the snow made its appearance till I arrived in Baltimore Wednesday night & we arrived in Washington City 6½ ock Thursday morning no snow but there had been rain instead it held dark & gloomy - I found that the train would leave before 8.35 & had 11,10, 40,43, 32,41

Colorado State Lottery,

CONDUCTED BY THE

COLORADO LAND AND MINERAL ASSOCIATION.

Denver, Colo. April 12 1881.

M. J. Messerve
Paterson
N. J.

Inclosed please find { 1 Whole / Half
Ticket in Class D

The drawing to take place in Denver
April 19 1881.

Yours truly,

A. B. MILLER,
Secretary.

Acknowledge Receipt.

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more than 2 hours - & if it was only light enough to see I might manage to see all the sights Mr Andrews included waited till 7 the ½ past 7. in the meantime had negotiated with a driver to take me all around & Mr Andrews at the last & get back in time for my train Well I did it the spot where Garfield was shot at Depot & to Fords Theatre & opposite the house where he died which marked with a marble slab lettered the Capotol Department buildings P.O. Smithsonian Institute Agricultural building Washington Monument & statuary & then to see Mr Andrews had a little Chat with him & at 8 ock I left him ordered my man to get me to my train in time which he did - well I hardly know what to say about my health I am very tired & had but little sleep for the two nights with no particular desire to sleep nor do I feel much of the want of it so when I get a good night sleep I shall better be able to report how I am now after this much I in turn want to know how you are making out at home the weather here appears mild to me & so it did at Washington the house is large & roomy but seems quite pleasant the chickens are good & the rooster is for all the world the mate to Thompson - looks just like him - I will now close AMANDA says she is awful glad that I have arrived safe & well & So I am - ain't you - write soon - to your aff Husband

Will wish you a happy Xmas - now" 10

A niece, a brother and a son express their concern over JOHN's health in letters addressed to JULIA. On 9 January 1884, Meta Cleland Woods, writing from New York, said: 44

"What is the news from Uncle JOHN? I hope it is good news. we have thought of him so often and what a stormy day he had to start in we hardly thought he would go but I suppose he soon got away from snow & in a warmer climate"

His brother, William, wrote on 20 January 1884: 1

"Last night, when I got home, I found a letter J J MESSERVE of Atlanta, GA He says he has been under the weather, but is now gaining strength and hopes to build up right along."

and, on 23 January 1884, his son, Edgar, writing from Milan, MO, expressed his wishes: 34

"Glad to hear that Papa got off and down there - hope it will be a benifit to his health"

According to a note JOHN pencilled on a scrap of paper, he felt sufficiently well during his stay in Atlanta to apply for a part-time job in accounting within the limits of his health. He listed ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD as a reference. 11

JOHN was still in Atlanta when JULIA wrote to him on 20 April 1884. Most of her letter related news she had received from their sons, John and Edgar, in the middle west but three of the paragraphs we quote as pertinent to the lives of JOHN and JULIA: 18,34

"Instead of you, I received yesterday, your letter of 16th inst. When no letter came on Wednesday, nor Thursday, nor yet Friday,

I expected to see you come walking in unannounced on Sat the 19th. Many, many times my eyes hunted the road between here and Hopper's, in search of you, but no sight nor sign of you 'till Lou came and brought a letter from you. Well, I will not say I was dissatisfied, for I am sure it is best as it is, but I will not deny that I was disappointed, but I lived through it, and feel now that "the sign will come right" soon for you to be with us once more. I am glad you are going to have an opportunity to go about some and see what objects of interest there are, I guess it will do you good. I had to mark the anniversary in some way so I went out and set a hen.

The weather is improving some here, and things begin to look a little Spring-like, though I presume you will find it very different, when you get here, from the country you leave. We are all pretty well. Maggie and the Children are here, and Theo. 15,41
came up after Ch. this noon and stayed till time for evening service. ----

I think I must say good-night now - and we'll see what next Sunday night this time will have brought to pass. Give my love to AMANDA and all the rest. - JULIA received a letter last week 10,35
from Julia B. and the program of Easter doings. - I shall be 45
keeping my eyes peeled for a letter this week telling me when I shall have you once more."

We get our news that JOHN feels well enough to come home but not a specific date for his return, from son, Edgar's letter, from 34
Milan, MO, to his mother on 2 May 1884:

"am glad to hear Father is enough better to come home"

A month later, on 6 June 1884, he wrote again to JULIA confirming 34
to us that his father had returned to the North:

"Maggie said also in her letter that Father had got home. how 15
is his health? does it seem to be improved since his return?"

The house on Squaw Brook Farm must have seemed quite empty with only daughter, JULIA, still at home. It is not surprising to 35
learn through John Edwin, writing from Wichita, KS, on 3 July 18
1884, to his mother, that JOHN and JULIA have a boarder:

"Unless you make a good deal I am sorry you have the minister to board, for I don't think one boarder pays unless he pays big price"

A somewhat amusing reference to JOHN's visit to Atlanta we find in a letter dated 8 July 1884 from Julia Barron Maynard to JULIA 45
PUTNAM MESSERVE': 35

"Your father when he was here did not think much of our garden but we think it has done very well"

JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE' married ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD on 25 Octo- 35,40
ber 1885, and, thus, was the last of the Messerve children to
leave home. This must have been an unusually emotional event in
that the three boys, John, Edgar and Cleland are living in the 18,34,30
mid-west and JULIA P. is moving to Atlanta, GA, leaving only Mag- 35
gie close enough for regular visits with her parents. On 20 Sep- 15
tember 1885, Julia Cleland Woods wrote to her aunt, JULIA: 42

"I expect you are not feeling very good about your JULIA going 35
away"

JULIA wrote to her daughter, JULIA, whose home is now at 122 East 35
Cain Street, Atlanta, GA, on 1 December 1885:

"I suppose you are waiting and wondering - waiting to have some
answer to your several letters, and wondering why they have not
been even noticed before this, and the articles you requested
to have sent to you, are not forthcoming. I am very sorry there
has been so much delay - in regard to the bed etc., for some
days I was intending to send for a box in which to pack them,
and several causes of hindrance, occurred to this first step;
then, concluded to use a box which we had upstairs. (the one in
which I used to put woolens etc. with tobacco.)- then I changed
the beds throughout and gathered together the articles - in-
tending on Monday, a week ago, to pack and ship the box: from
Sunday night until Thanksgiving evening the weather was cold
and rainy and snowy and freezing - and the bushes could not be
dug - nor the thing got off. - to make a long story short -
This afternoon Lou took the said box to the Midland Depot, and
got a receipt for it. It is directed to - R. J. MAYNARD 43½ S.
Broad St Atlanta, Ga. - is to go as freight, to be paid for on
delivery - so it can be enquired for, at your end of the route,
and if not forthcoming in due time, must be hunted up - send
word here if you cannot get it from your rail-road. - The box I
recommend you to keep - for a bed-clothes box - or the like.
The bed will do, as it is - I wd advise you to get new ticking
for a pair of good sized pillows, (mine are 22 in by 27 in)
fill them with the feathers from the bolster and one of the
pillows, the feathers are good, - and I think will fill the two
pillow ticks - and keep the other pillow as it is (the one on
wh. I have pinned a little piece of white paper) for an odd
pillow, it will come handy in many instances. the pair of em-
broidered pillow-cases were Aunt Ann's - I had them done for 5
her before you were born, and they have never been used since
she died. they were as yellow as saffron and I washed, boiled,
bleached & froze them untill the(y) acquired their present hue,
you can do them up and the two will be just a nice change for
the odd pillow, and they would not fit any larger one - then
you can have the pillow and the cases just as Aunt Ann left 5
them. You can have a bolster made of curled hair, V shaped -
like one I think Maggie has. I intend to make one of that kind 15
for myself and take my widest bolster for a pair of pillows. -
The old quilt in the box, you can keep for an "old quilt" - as
such it may serve a useful purpose - the bright figured calico,
scraps of which remain on one side, I wore as a dress when I
was about 15 years old. The bracket I see is broken, I will
hunt up the absent piece and someday, it can be "mended on".
the black lace is what you talked of trimming my blk silk

dress with, but do so as you like about it. - Now about the patterns: the roll tied with green worsted, I finally decide, I know nothing about, perhaps you do, if so, please enlighten me. I found it in the bureau drawer with your things in the front room upstairs, and took it for granted it was your waist pattern, and thinking I had better have a duplicate of it for my own use, I carefully cut the pattern of each piece, of both the waist and the "outside basque", taking it for granted the latter was the pattern of your brown cloth sacque which fitted you so nicely. - was going to write you that you need not trouble to bring your patterns with you if you should come North any time, as I had it all hear - when lo! and behold! when looking into my drawer this morning, giving a last look for the missing collar pattern, I came upon your own marked and dotted and well used waist pattern itself - and too late to cut another by it, for myself. Well, I send them both, and you can do what you please with them, but do tell me whose is the first pattern and what about it. One night I was cleaning out my workbox and happened upon the sailor-collar pattern, folded in a very small compass - I should not have had the least idea where to look for it, but I put it carefully aside, and had it "under my thumb," within my reach all the time till within a few days. I have not remembered noticing it, but, thinking I could put my hand on it any minute when the packing time came, I turned round to find it this afternoon, and it wasn't there! I shall probably find it in some easy, protected place and will send it in a letter. - The bushes speak for themselves I think they will grow, if planted immediately. Papa dug them all but the tamarac. I thought they would be pretty, (though very small now) set, one in each corner of the front yard - at each end of the piazza, and trained to trees - they grow fast when once well rooted. ----

Papa is not at all well for a few days past, since this raw cold weather set in, though he got along nicely until then: his lung trouble again. He has got along pretty well with his work, though some things he wanted to accomplish, are still unfinished. Bennie is gone. I am thankful to say - for the last month he was here, he did not earn his board, and was quite saucy to Papa - at times and very independent and slack about his work ---- Dora is here for a few days - she and Howard„were up here 46,47
for about ten days ---- On Thanksgiving the Bockmullers were
all to Theo's to dinner - it was a big thing - and necessitated 41
a great deal of work and management to prepare - house, dinner, and children for the occasion - but Maggie lived through 15
it, and it proved a success, and gratifying in many respects. I went down about ten A.M. and helped her until 4. P.M. when I went to the Fair and helped at the supper table until 10. P.M.- came home with Lizzie & Will Herman.---- Maggie & I together 15
took pumpkin and apple pies & pumpkin bread to the Fair, and Maggie joined Mrs L. in sending a turkey. I did not think there 15
seemed to be any too much money coming in - there were comparatively few to the supper, have not heard full report of the finances, but learned at Ch. on Sunday that they had taken in $80. that was more than I expected. Uncle William did not come 1
up for Thanksgiving, in fact has not been here since you went away. Papa staid very patiently at home alone all day. I fixed him out nicely for his meals, and he said he had had a very

comfortable time. ----

Now who do you think came walking in unannounced last Friday afternoon? No less important a personage than Aunt Fanny Richmond, accompanied by Meta. I could not believe my eyes, nor any other of my senses. She looks well and as natural as ever, not so old nor so gray as I had thought she would. They could only stay till morning left here about ten o'clock, and from Maggies went for the 11 o'clk car ---- You must not worry about us - we miss you much, 'tis true, but so long as we know you are contented and happy - that constitutes a big share of our happiness. ----"

Young JULIA's answer to her mother's letter was written on 22 December 1885 but she left a number of the questions without a reference:

"I was very much pleased with my box of things I have put the bed on and it is very comfortable, the pillows I have not fixed I will as soon after Christmas as I can ----I will do the pillows those cases I don't think I ever saw before I think they are pretty and I will prize them for what they are and what they were The plants came all right and we set them right out. ---- I don't think you can find the pice that belongs on the bracket it has been gone along time. I was so glad to get that pitcher I knew it had always been called mine but I should never have thought of bringing it away from Squaw Brook. that piece of hall oil-cloth Julia has put in the kitchen under the bench that holds the water buckets. so we can imagine we're in Squaw Brook the patterns are familier of course. ----"

The most memorable event of 1886 was the reunion of the six Cleland sisters. JULIA's daughter, JULIA, gives us some news in letters to her mother, the first on 19 January 1886:

"I got your's and Papa's letters and was so sorry to know Papa was sick and hope that he will be all right soon. it is too bad that you have to do all the barn work."

and then on 1 March 1886, with the only reference to the reunion:

"By this time you have gotten back from the "family reunion" I need not ask if you enjoyed it for of course you did were all the sisters there I hope so"

Final news for the year we find in John Edwin Messerve's letter, written from Wichita, KS, on 16 June 1886 to JULIA but we do not know what he means by "new quarters":

"Now that you have become about settled in you new quarters, you know whether or not you all enjoy that way of living - I suppose you do enjoy it though"

On 13 February 1887, JULIA wrote another long letter to her daughter, JULIA, in Atlanta, GA:

"---- I have had you on my mind, and each day for a month past,

determined to write to you, but my excuse for not fulfilling my intention for the last three weeks, is, that I have been sick with a severe cold, commencing with inflammation of the lungs and a bad cough, and continuing with constant pain in my head, especially on the right side, in the temple and eyeballs - so severe that when I coughed, it seemed as if my head would split. I think I never had a cold before that seemed so slow to yield to treatment - but- "suffice it to say", that I am now on the mend, the pain in my head not having troubled me since Friday morning. I do not feel strong nor well yet but think that with care (which I intend to bestow on myself) I shall soon be well.

----You say Julia B. is complaining, (or bragging) I don't know which to call it,) about the untidy state of her house. tell her I will bet her a dime against a nickel that my house is twice as dirty as hers, - and, so that she need not wager her money rashly, I will just mention the fact, that my rooms, stairs, and halls, have not been swept since three weeks ago last Friday, (except the living room, now and then.) She can let you hold her stakes, and trust me to hold mine till you or she or both of you come on North - dont know how the bet can be decided, except it be by each of us sweeping and cleaning our respective domiciles, and carefully preserving the sweepings, gatherings, etc, and either measuring or weighing them in each others presence. but mind you, I'm not going to clean my house yet until I get good and ready, and feel like it, even if it gets to be ankle deep. 45

Dora is up here, and says she is going to make a visit of "five weeks".---- 46

For sometime past, I have got your letters on Friday instead of Thursday, as formerly: this last one I received on Saturday, - not quite as regularly as when Lou attended to matters, still I feel that I am very fortunate in having Mrs Alexander so kind and ready to do any and everything I ask her to do. I dont know whether you know, but we sell her our milk. now from 15 to 18 qts per day - isn't very prompt pay, but gets for us on account, all along, groceries and sundries, and also, lately, middlings, bran, corn & oats, a bag at a time.- so you see it amounts to the same thing in the end, as the cash."

According to the dictionary, "middlings" is a granular product of grain milling; especially a wheat milling by-product used in animal feeds:

"---- I intended to say to you before, that as you had made no mention of a new wrap for yourself, I concluded that you had not bought any - and that I had not worn the one you left me. to Church not anywhere else, but once to Paterson and once down to Maggie's, and no one could ever recognize the thing again as mine, and that I did not intend to wear it to Church, so that if you should have decided to come on, it would be here, ready and suitable for you to wear; but if you do not come soon, I suppose you would not need it. I have not been to Church since several weeks before Christmas. ---- 15

John Edwin Messerve wrote to his mother from Emporia, KS, on 8 September 1887: 18

> "I would like to know how you got along with your work - the haying etc. and how your affairs are in general. Am glad JULIA is with you and will likely stay all winter." 35

The last news we have of JOHN or JULIA for the year comes from a letter dated 16 September 1887 to JULIA from Meta Cleland Woods: 44

> "Lizzie and Meta were here yesterday they seem to have had a very good time while with you." 48,49

According to Meta, as she expressed in her letter to JULIA of 12 January 1888, JULIA was expected for a visit in New York but did not make the trip. Teasingly, Meta accused JULIA of preferring to stay warm at home near her new stove. More explicit details concerning a gathering of relatives follows in Meta's next letter to JULIA on 16 February 1888: 44 44 44

> "This afternoon Mother, Aunt M(ary) and Aunt F(anny) went up to Julia's and have just got home and after hearing your letter read they have decided that Aunt Mary and Aunt Fannie had better go up to Hempstead to-morrow and let the folks know the rest are coming and you come down as soon as you can and Mother and you will go together." 3,4,8 42 4,8 3

From Hamilton, OH, on 30 August 1888, Mary C. Howells, in her letter to JULIA, informs us that JULIA is having a problem with her health: 28

> "You wrote me you had a lump on your foot that was troubling you & that you were going to see the Dr."

From John Edwin Messerve, writing from Emporia, KS, to JULIA on 20 December 1888, we learn that JOHN had apparently been seriously ill: 18

> "I am glad to hear that Papa has recovered from his severe attack, and hope he will not have a return of the trouble"

Three weeks later, on 11 January 1889, JOHN died. According to information received from the office of Laurel Grove Cemetery, where JOHN is buried, he was originally interred at Bay View Cemetery in Jersey City and re-interred at a later date.

It is not until the end of the year, in a letter to JULIA written on 30 December 1889 by Meta C. Woods, do we hear any news:

> "We were real sorry to hear how sick you had been We found your eyeglasses after you had left and the next day I found the case in Frank's room by his bureau where I guess you had dropped it on Monday afternoon when we got home from the cemetery."

1890 is a momentous year for JULIA but it started with an indirect reference to a visit by JULIA to New York in Meta's letter of 13 March 1890: We learn the big news from JULIA's letter of 44

8 June 1890 to her son, John, at Emporia, KS: 18

"I will only take time now to write you a few lines, to state how matters stand now with me. I came home from N.Y. on Sat. 31st ult., staid longer than I intended when I went, but for various reasons could not well shorten my stay. All friends in usual health - particulars concerning each will give you when I come to see you, which I hope will not be very long hence - While at Hempstead made up my mind to write to Cousin Julia Trites, to ascertain the most approved method of reaching 50
Brighton, if practicable on my way to Des Moines To be brief,- I received, in due time a very nice satisfactory letter from 51
Davis (date May 28th) and since, have been considering favorably the plan of going there first, from Chicago, (I am not going to stop at W. Liberty to see Alice Romaine,) - and then to D. M. and on to Minburn -- am now considering which train to take, i.e. what time of day etc in order to make most convenient connections. Have nearly completed my arrangements, and expect to leave Paterson on Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Will drop you a line or postal, when I start stating time and train in which I go, and again thereafter, when I arrive somewhere. I guess that's all I can say just now.

Love to all of your crowd.

Mamma."

Apparently in answer to a question in an earlier letter from John, 18
JULIA added a postscript to this letter saying:

"Papa was born in Savannah Georgia, Nov. 14th 1822"

Brighton, IA, lies about half-way between Ottumwa and Iowa City. Minburn, the home of JULIA's son,Cleland, is about 20 miles north- 30
west of Des Moines, IA.

It is so likely that all of JULIA's letters written during her reunion with her three boys and relatives were passed among her New York area relatives, that it is not surprising that we do not have any news of the trip in her own hand. Fortunately, a number of letters written by others refer to her trip and give us some of the details. The first of these is from Maggie writing from Squaw 15
Brook on 23 June 1890 to her mother:

"This letter I meant to write last Thurs. or Friday but I waited 'till Friday 'till we could hear that you had reached Cle's, and 30
then came a letter of inquiry from Johnny which had to be an- 18
swered, and I also tho't it about time that I sent some word to Meta which she could transmit to Hempstead for they would be 44
anxious unless you had written them, for you know you are quite a personage of importance, and your journeyings and movements are watched and commented on by a circle of kindred spirits.

When we rec'd your note from Chicago on Monday night we had been waiting since Sat for it, but it had been taken up to Leonhard's and no one went there on Sunday - so Theo bro't it 41
on Monday Evening. Don't you think we were patient? I am very glad you had such a pleasant time at Cousin Julia's I knew you 50
would, and we watched the time and I told the Children that now

while the School Children had recess, you had just arrived there. I am quite proud of the way you conduct your journeying, travelling around the country with so much ease and doing everything so successfully. Theo says "Well, she's old enough," and then I want to shake him." 41

After her visit with cousin Julia, JULIA went on to visit with Cle and his family at Minburn, IA, according to her letter from her son, Edgar, written from Wichita, KS, on 26 June 1890. 30 34

"We were glad to hear of your safe arrival at Minburn and of the pleasant visit while there, and am a little afraid the warm weather we are having in Kansas will be trying to you"

JULIA received letters from her daughter, JULIA, all written from Squaw Brook. The first two, dated 10 and 14 July 1890, contained only abstract references to her trip but in the letter of 20 July 1890, we learn that JULIA has visited with her son, John, in Emporia, KS: 35 18

"Albert Ellis was driving by this morning called me to the fence and after apoligising for making me come to him said he wanted to hear something about you. I told him all I knew he was pleased and wished to be remembered to you he said he knows what Emporia is and that it must interest you. ---- Don't worry about any thing here, but just have a good time and stay just as long as you can with each boy. "

In the letter of 29 July 1890, we are informed that JULIA visited relatives at Girard, KS, in the south-east corner of the State:

"I received your letter Saturday and of course we were glad to get it, I am so glad you had the satisfaction of going over the farm at Girard. I wish you could go to Oregon I would like to be able to send you something towards the expenses but that is impossible."

The letter of 10 August 1890 contained no reference to JULIA's trip at all and the following one on 20 August, only an indication that JULIA was visiting with Edgar at Wichita, KS. Finally, the last letter of the series dated 25 September 1890, informs us that JULIA has completed her visits with each of the three boys: 34

"I received your letter of the 22nd this morning, and now that you have quit the boys you can't get home too soon to please us all. While the boys had you I could be patient but now my patience is gone. ---- Of course you will write us when you expect to arrive in Jersey so that we can meet you etc. My regards to the Siver folks."

Our last news of JULIA's trip is from the letter written by her sister, Fanny, from East Portland, OR, on 12 September 1890 to JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE at Squaw Brook: 8 35

"My Julia has kept me posted as far as she could as to the 52

movements of Sister JULIA but the last she heard was of her being at Edgars in Wichata. I had a letter from her there while at Olympia you know what a treat her letters are. I was so glad to hear she was having such a nice time. can hardly give up the idea of her getting out to see us but suppose I must."

A brief reference to his mother's visit we find in a letter from John Edwin Messerve, writing from Emporia, KS, on 31 May 1891, to JULIA: 18

"I enclose a flower which perhaps you or Mr Ellis can name. it grew from seed that you brought here and I planted last Summer. We would like to know its name."

A second reference is in a letter to JULIA from Anna Belle Carter, from Emporia, on 2 August 1891: 53

"I often think of what pleasant times & talks we were having about this time last year."

In a letter dated 21 January 1892, to JULIA, from Meta Cleland Woods, we learn that JULIA is not only suffering from a cold but is nursing three sick grandchildren: 44

"I little thought at the time that you had so much trouble at home that visiting was very far from your thoughts. I do hope you will take good care of yourself and cure up your cold."

Apparently, JULIA recovered quickly. On 31 January 1892, she visited New York and wrote to the "Gyurls" (daughters JULIA and Maggie) from Meta Cleland Woods' home at 2206 7th Avenue: 35 15

"I suppose you would not object to receiving a few lines from me in regard to my progress and condition of health from the time I left home yesterday, and the present time 9½ o'clk P.M. Well, I left Paterson in the 10 o'clock train, (Sat) had a comfortable trip, as far as Jersey City - took the Chambers St boat to New York, walked carefully through Chambers St. to Duane, turned the corner and at the street door leading to J. W. C. Leveridge's office, found the gentleman himself, standing, 14
papers in hand, just ready to leave for court. He greeted me warmly, and at my request to see him for a few minutes, took me up into his office, where we discussed the subject of Uncle W's 1
affairs, in which he J.W. appeared quite interested on my account.- He very quickly told me that William's only heir, and the only one who had anything to do in the matter, was his Sister "MANDY", (at the receipt of which information I was very 10
glad.) and that I had better write to her to come on - authorize some one to receive the rent of the property, and dispose of it as soon as possible or as she thought best. - and that of course, all that I had or would expend on his account would have to be paid out of the estate.- I cannot now enlarge or comment on the subject, but think I will write as soon as possible to Aunt A. so that she may make her arrangements as soon as 10
possible - no one can tell how soon something might happen to her, to prevent her from being able to accomplish anything in the matter.

I am feeling considerably better, in regard to the soreness in my side, than when I left home, but still feel it necessary to "make haste slowly", in my movements etc.

From J. Wm's on Sat. I stopped into Rue's store (it was on my way to the L Road for Harlem,) saw and had a nice chat with him, Cannot write anything about that now, ('tis time this was mailed for you to get it tomorrow) then boarded the Harlem train, and arrived at 2206 while they were still at the dinner table,- and George still there, so we all discussed the dinner and then the plan of my meeting him at 8.30 tomorrow morning in the 34th St ferry house, and go with him to Hempstead; probably shall come from there on Wednesday, maybe come by way of Brooklyn, so as to take in Jule etc. further, cannot plan yet, but have several other things to do. All pretty well here - Aunt E. says dont tell them when you are coming back - 14,54 55 42 3

Cant write anything more satisfactory now, will tell you every thing when I come home, will probably write again on the way. hope all are improving at home and that the weather will continue favorable for the health of all."

Meta Woods and her mother, Eliza Cleland, live at 2206; Margaret and Rebecca Cleland and George Tatem and his family live in Hempstead, and the Rue family in Brooklyn. 44,3,7 9,55

In spite of the excellent start, a whole year passes before we hear of or from JULIA again. In a letter from Mary C. Howells, written from Hamilton, OH, on 21 January 1893, to JULIA, her reference to their meeting in Cincinnati probably was an event which occurred as a stop-over during JULIA's trip to the mid-west in the Summer of 1890: 28

"---- Do you remember the rainy day we spent together in Cincinnati?

If you sent me a newspaper containing a notice of your Brother-in-law's death, I never received it. How fortunate for him to have been at your house where he could have good care. What a refuge your house has been for invalids & sufferers for some years past- I hope the news from JULIA are more encouraging now as to her health - How very sad for her to be widowed so early in life before their child has grown up. I am glad your children at the West are doing so well & that you will see them all this Summer." 1 35 56

From her letter to her daughter, JULIA, dated 13 March 1893, writing from 2206 7th Avenue, we find JULIA again making the "rounds" of the relatives: 35

"I am very long getting to an answer to your interesting and welcome letters which I have received since leaving home, and I know of no better way to account for my doings, etc. than to begin where I left off in my letter of a week ago. - Tuesday morning.(7th) with George for Coachman and Aunt Becky for Company I left E. Meadow for Hempstead. As I had about half an hour to wait for the train at the depot, George and Aunt B. went to the P.O. for the mail, and finding that the train had not left when their errand was finished, George came back and 55,9

handed me a plethoric envelope, containing the letters sent by you, and one from Meta. Of course I had a feast for that journey.- I changed cars at Jamaica, and on to "East New York", intending to take "Rapid Transit" cars to Brooklyn, but after standing on the platform a while in the snow storm and wet, was told I would have to wait more than half an hour for the next train - so I mounted the stairway of the King's County L. Road, and went by that route to the same spot in Fulton St. Brooklyn, (cor. Brooklyn Ave.) where we alight in going to Alice Court from N.Y. Arrived at Julia Rue's all right, and feeling tolerably well - it stormed all day, so I got no farther that day; next day, better weather somewhat, and just after dinner, went to see Uncle Henry & Fanny, (tell about such things when I come to Jersey,) and then took Rapid Transit cars - and some walking added, arrived at Dack's. Staid there till morning, intending to return to Jule's and go with her to see Flora and baby: but it rained and it poured all day, and I staid on till about 3 o'clock P.M. when there was a hold-up for about an hour and a half, during which time by means of two sets of cars I made my way back to Alice Court. Then, Friday morning, started with Nettie for Charles' in Schenk St (Jule's wash-woman was coming so Jule could not leave home,) We found Flora sick in bed - had taken cold on Tuesday while out shopping, and had congestion of the lungs - had raised blood and the Doctor thought her pretty sick, but when we were there she was feeling better, and said she was going to get up. I told her she had better keep to her bed, as a slight chill even might bring on a relapse. You see the weather - so damp, was very much against her. Have heard nothing from her since that day but would like to know how she is. From F's, we came to 2206 7th Ave. Friday evening came your second batch of letters which I assure you was very welcome As with you, the walking here in very many places and in Brooklyn has been dreadful, though it is improving fast in uptown streets, the continued rains having done much toward cleaning them. I presume the roads by this time must be getting better in Jersey too, as there has been no freezing weather with all the flooding rains since I came from home. - All day Saturday it rained here, so I was cheated out of my intended visit to the Asylum, and also of my call on Mrs Dimock which I intended to make after visiting Sarah,- I intend to go to Mrs D's to-day - but the Asylum does not receive again until Wednesday aft. There are piles of things laid out for me to do in the way of calls & the like, but I do not intend to take them all in, though according to your instructions regarding the roads from Paterson etc, I have concluded not to attempt the homeward trip until after Thursday of this week; that evening Meta and I expect to attend a special meeting down town. 44 42 57,42 58,59 61,60 42,58 58 24 44

Meta has just come in here where I am writing, and says, "give my love to "the girls," and tell them that you are not coming home till next week sure." But you know I'll do my own bidding in this regard. I meant surely to write you yesterday afternoon, mailing the letter last night so that you would get it surely by noon today when Charlie came home, but Dack and Mary came in the afternoon and staid to tea not leaving until we started for Church in the evening. We heard a Dr. Maybie's account of his 44 57.62

missionary visit round the world all through China - Japan, India etc.etc. It was intensely interesting and instructive I wish I could remember it sufficiently to give you even a slight idea of the descriptions, facts and statistics of the discourse: but you know my failing in such attempts. - I am hoping and kind o' looking for another line from home, - and here while on this subject - I will say when you address a letter to me at 2206 you had better put on it, in care of Mrs R. C. Woods. - 3
Woods is the only name on the P.O boxes at the door, and the postman is somewhat bothered, and if a letter to any other name comes, he has to ascertain from each other tenant, if it is for them and knowing "Woods" so well, he could think a letter to any other name, had a wrong address. it was so in the case of my last letter though he inquired until he made it out right.

I am very glad you wrote to Johnnie as soon as you did, suppose 18
you told him I was not at home - I cannot write to him until I am at home, which I hope, will not be long hence. ----"

The only other news we have of JULIA for the year is in a letter from Rebecca Cleland dated 26 June 1893 to JULIA:

"We send you Ella's last letter, that you may know you are expected up in that vicinity"

Again, we wait a year for direct news from JULIA and, as before, while on another visit to New York. On 26 February 1894 she wrote to her daughter, JULIA: 35

"I have just received your letter of last night and this A.M. and am very glad indeed to hear from you all - and glad to know you all keep so well. I wrote to Aunt Margaret last Friday, and 7
intended to write to you too, but "the sign did not come right" to do so untill it was too late to mail it in time for it to reach you on Saturday, so I postponed writing until to-day,- had just turned to get my paper for writing, when the bell rang, and the result was - this letter from you. (You must excuse these pencilled letters from me,- for several reasons, which can as well be told as written,) it is more convenient for me than to use ink just now. ----

I am pretty well - poor Meta thinks she is too, but she is 44
pretty well tired out, with so much work and care, in addition to her mother's sickness. And now for our patient. I can only 3
say, that although the medicine she takes and also the "food", which is all liquid and in very small doses do not return, but apparently digest, and might therefore be expected to nourish and strengthen her, yet she grows weaker and thinner every day. She does not appear to suffer much pain, but strength and flesh are waning daily - how much longer she will stay with us, I cannot judge, but I feel sure it cannot be many days. To-morrow, 27th, she will be 76 years old. - She scarcely talks at all. We change her about, from the bed to a reclining posture, propped up, in a large arm chair then in as easy a position as possible on the lounge again in the chair, as long as she wishes, then again on the lounge, and so on until nine to ten o'clock, varying her position for the sake of rest - then undress her and put her in the bed. sometimes it requires us both to handle

her comfortably.

George Tatem was here last Thursday - Aunt M is pretty well - Rue was here yesterday - Julia Rue is sick, not fit to be up, but does get up, - heavy cold & weakness. Dack was here too yesterday. Mary Dack spent last Tuesday here and is coming again this week - could do as well without the company part of it, as with - no one can do anything for the invalid and she is really too weak to speak and sometimes even to be seen. ----" 55,7 42,54 57 62

Julia Ella Dowd, writing from Madison, CT, on 17 April 1894, to Maggie, refers to JULIA as the only one of the Cleland sisters well enough to go about: 17 15

"I wonder if your Mother is home yet. If she started for home last week as you expected she would, her stops in Brooklyn and Harlem very likely kept her over Sunday I hope she will have no returns of the palpitation and get rested and in good health soon. She is the only one of the sisters well enough to go about and she must take care of herself. I want very much to have her come up and see Mother" 4

There is no more news of JULIA for nearly two years until her death on 6 February 1896. She was interred in Laurel Grove Cemetery, Paterson, NJ, next to JOHN.

1	William Edwin Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(2)	(H) brother
2	Abraham C. Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1)	(H) brother
3	Eliza Howard Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(3)	(W) sister
4	Mary Hattrick Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(2)	(W) sister
5	Ann Griffith	W5;5-3( ),4(2)	(H) brother William's wife
6	DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER	19;5-1(4)	(H) mother
7	Margaret Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(1)	(W) sister
8	Sarah Frances Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(5)	(W) sister
9	Rebecca Hoatly Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(4)	(W) sister
10	AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	5 & 9;4-1(3)	(H) sister
11	ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;4-4(9)	(H) sister AMANDA's husband
12	JULIA COTTRELL	20;5-1(4)	(W) mother
13	William J. Messerve		
14	John William C. Leveridge	19;6-2( ),5(5),4( )	(H) cousin
15	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	daughter
16	Isabella L. Idell	W5;5-3( ),4(1)	(H) brother Abraham's wife
17	Julia Ella Dowd	10;5-2( ),4(2), 3(4)	(W) sister Mary's daughter
18	John Edwin Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2)	son
19	Albert Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1),3(1)	(H) brother Abraham's son
20	Robert Charles Woods	H10;5-2( ),4(3)	(W) sister Eliza's husband
21	Abraham Creemer	19;6-2( ),5(8)	(H) maternal uncle

22	William H. Creemer	19;6-2( ),5(5),4(1)	(H) cousin
23	George Coggeshall	H20;6-2( ),5(9)	husband of aunt Eliz.
24	Sarah Coggeshall	20;6-2( ),5(9),4(1)	cousin
25	Georgiana Coggeshall	20;6-2( ),5(9),4(4)	cousin
26	Fanny Irene Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(3)	daughter
27	James Richmond (2)	H10;5-2( ),4(5)	(W) sister Fanny's second husband
28	Mary S. Coggeshall	20;6-2( ),5(9),4(3)	cousin
29	W. W. C. Leveridge	19;6-2( ),5(5),4(1),3(3)	1st cous. 1 rem.
30	Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5)	son
31	Andrew Humes Richmond	10;5-2( ),4(5),3(6)	(W) sister Fanny's son
32	Mary Tallulah Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(1)	(H) sister AMANDA's husband's daughter by first wife
33	James Athlington Woods	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(7)	(W) sister Eliza's son
34	Edgar Barron Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(4)	son
35	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	daughter
36	Henry Craig Howells	H20;6-2( ),5(9),4(4)	husband of Georgianna
37	Frank Sidney Howells	20;6-2( ),5(9),4(4),3(2)	1st cous. once rem.
38	Robert Wynfield Maynard	1;2-2(1),1(4)	daughter JULIA's grandson
39	Wallace Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(7)	son
40	ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD	1;3-3(5)	daughter JULIA's husband
			(H) sister AMANDA's son
41	G. Theodor Leonhard	H5;4-2(4),3(1)	daughter Margaret's husband
42	Julia Cleland Woods	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(1)	(W) sister Eliza's daughter
43	Robert Reed	1;4-4(9),3(1),2( )	(H) son of sister AMANDA's husband's daughter by first wife
44	Meta Cleland Woods	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(6)	(W) sister Eliza's daughter
45	Julia Barron Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(4)	(H) sister AMANDA's daughter
46	Dora Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(1)	daughter Margaret's daughter
47	Howard Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(2)	daughter Margaret's son
48	Elizabeth	W10;5-2( ),4(3),3(7)	(W) sister Eliza's son James' wife
49	Meta Cleland Woods	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(7),2(1)	(W) sister Eliza's son James' daughter
50	Julia	20;6-2( ),5(5),4( )	(W) cousin
51	G. Davis Trites	H20;6-2( ),5(5),4( )	(W) cousin's husband
52	Mary Julia Richmond	10;5-2( ),4(5),3(5)	(W) sister Fanny's daughter
53	Anna Belle Cartter (2)	W5;4-2(4),3(2)	son John's second wife
54	John C. Rue	H10;5-2( ),4(3),3(1)	(W) sister Eliza's daughter Julia's husband

55	George Coggeshall Tatem	10;5-2( ),4(5),3(1)	(W) sister Fanny's son
56	WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;2-2(1)	daughter JULIA's son
57	John Dack Woods	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(3)	(W) sister Eliza's son
58	Florence Teale	W10;5-2( ),4(3),3(1) 2(3)	(W) sister Eliza's grandson's wife
59	Charles Teale Rue	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(1), 2(3);1(1)	(W) sister Eliza's great grandson
60	Charles Halsey Rue	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(1) 2(3)	(W) sister Eliza's grandson
61	Nettie Warren Rue	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(1) 2(1)	(W) sister Eliza's granddaughter
62	Mary Julia	W10;5-2( ),4(3),3(3)	(W) sister Eliza's son John's wife
64	Elizabeth F. Ward	20;6-2( ),5(7),4( )	(W) cousin

Good bye for
accept the best love of
Yours affectionate Wife.
Julia C. Messervé.

With dear love to all
Mamma.

God bless you —
Your own
Julia

your affe Husband —
A Messervé.

5;5-3( ) 35 JACOB MESSERVE b. age d. age	19;5-1(4) 36 DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER b. Woodbridge, NJ m. 20 Mar 1813 age d. Nov 1870 Bay View Cemetery age Jersey City, NJ
4(1) Abraham C. Messerve b. 15 Oct 1815 New York, NY age 40 d. Jul 1870 Bayview Cemetery age 55 Jersey City, NJ	Isabella L. Idell b. m. 1855 Hoboken, NJ age d. age
3(1) Albert Messerve b. 1856 San Francisco, CA age d. age	X
3(2) Fred W. Messerve b. age d. age	b. m. age d. age
3(3) Harry Messerve b. age d. age	b. m. age d. age

Albert Messerve 5;5-3( ),4(1),3(1)

The only information we have concerning the birth of Albert comes from a letter written by William Edwin Messerve on 20 July 1856 from Hoboken, NJ, to Abraham C. Messerve in San Francisco, CA: 1 2

"You may strike a Streak of luck yet, and it may bring you out all right at the Big end of the Horn! You have made something of which your friends will think more of than gold, that is, A. C. Messerve' Jr. I dare say his Grandfather and Grandmothers, his Auntys, his Uncles, and his Cousins will think more of him than they would of his Daddy's Slugs. And who Knows? It may be you will have a son and daughter to bring home to greet your friends - I only speculate on the natural course of events. How does Isabella manage to keep the villanous fleas from eating the little fellow up? And how does she get along with the animals herself. But I suppose, there are not as many fleas to trouble you on Filbert street as there would be on Clay Street Hill, because on Filbert St. the ground formation is Clay, whereas on Clay St hill it is Sand, but you will tell me there are fleas enough every where - I'll believe it! 3

Does Your boy take after his father? But I suppose he does, that is the natural consequence. ---- And while I am on the subject, let me advise you and Isabella not to send you boy to school till next summer, as I think you will be the gainer in the end."

It appears that the fleas won. On 27 November 1856, we hear from JOHN JACOB MESSERVE, writing from Rochester, NY, during a business trip, to his wife, JULIA CLELAND, that Belle and her son are on their way back to Hoboken: 4 5,3

"So Belle is on her way home and probably at home by the time you receive this, well I am sorry I am not on hand to bid her welcome & help carry her and the little Californian ashore but she must take the will for the deed." 3

Our next news of Albert comes from a letter written by his grandmother, DEBORAH, on 30 May 1858, to JULIA CLELAND: 6,5

"Belle was here this afternoon and little Albert M is very well" 3

The reference by William Edwin Messerve, writing from Ridgewood, NJ, on 2 December 1868, to his brother, JOHN, is confusing in that it refers to "both of her boys" without naming them and we do know that she had three sons; Albert, Fred and Harry: 1 4 7,8

"Belle leaves here this week and takes both of her boys with her" 3

Apparently, at sometime, Albert returned to the West according to the comment in the letter from John Edwin Messerve, writing from Durham Farm, KS, on 9 November 1877, to his mother, JULIA CLELAND: 9 5

"---- he is one of those who were going "west" by wagon this winter, and the other day, he told me that they were not going; so again I am thrown out, and do not expect to try and see Albert Messerve' this winter, as I thought of doing, when the

chance was offered me; of traveling with these folks without charge."

Our final news is rather ominous but we have no details. It comes from Belle's letter from Crosswicks, NJ, where she was working as a practical nurse, dated 18 March 1893, to JULIA CLELAND: 3 5

"I would like to get Albert some clothes this Spring if I could I went to see Albert last fall after I saw you, he was quite well physically but no better mentally, he seemed very sad but talked nicely, did not recognize the friend I had with me at first but when I told him who she was he remembered her, seemed pleased to see her, he asked no questions about his friends or brothers."

1.	William Edwin Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(2)	paternal uncle
2	Abraham C. Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1)	father
3	Isabella L. Idell	W5;5-3( ),4(1),	mother
4	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	paternal uncle
5	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	Paternal uncle JOHN's wife
6	DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER	19;5-1(4)	paternal grandmother
7	Fred W. Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1),3(2)	brother
8	Harry Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1),3(2)	brother
9	John Edwin Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2)	cousin

Fred W. Messerve 5;5-2( ),4(1),3(2)

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"Belle leaves here this week and takes both of her boys with her" 4

"Both of her boys" is confusing since we know Abraham and Belle have three sons; Albert, Fred and Harry. 5,4 1,6

Fred is married and a father before we hear of him again. On 18 March 1893, Belle wrote from Crosswicks, NJ, where she was engaged as a practical nurse, to JULIA CLELAND: 4 7

"Fred has just goten up from a sick bed, had a letter this morning from his wife, she said he has gone to business again but felt completely exhausted by night; his little girl is growing nicely, was nine months old the 7th of this month, is trying her best to walk and talk, she says Pushy Fat and Pat-a cake, and goes all around the room in her baby tender ---- Write soon, if after the 1st of April then to Fred's office, 111 No. 15th St., Phila." 8

From her home at Cynwyd, PA, Belle wrote a letter dated 13 May 1894, to her nieces (probably JULIA and Maggie Messerve) giving us the last bit of news of Fred we have: 4 9,10

"I arrived at home about four oclock, safe and sound, but a verry tired old lady. Fred came out on the same train but I did not know it untill we got off at the station. ---- The boys were delighted to see me especially Harry, I found him suffering very much from broken ribs: ---- Harry and Fred each send love to each of you" 6

1	Albert Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1),3(1)	brother
2	William Edwin Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(2)	paternal uncle
3	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	paternal uncle
4	Isabella L. Idell	W5;5-3( ),4(1)	mother
5	Abraham C. Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1)	father
6	Harry Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1),3(3)	brother
7	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	paternal uncle JOHN's wife
8		5;5-3( ),4(1),3(2),2(1)	daughter
9	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	(H) cousin
10	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	(H) cousin

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Our first news of Harry comes from Belle, on 18 March 1893, from Crosswicks, NJ, where she was engaged as a practical nurse, in a letter to JULIA CLELAND: 4 7

"Harry has been quite well this winter except lately he has suffered with cold and a severe stiff neck, is much better now"

The last bit of news we have of Harry we find in the letter dated 13 May 1894, from Belle at home in Cynwyd, PA, to her nieces, (probably JULIA and Maggie Messerve): 4 8,9

"I arrived at home about four oclock, safe and sound, but a verry tired old lady.---- The boys were delighted to see me especially Harry, I found him suffering very much from broken ribs: I am in hopes the worst is over now as he is feeling very much better. Harry and Fred each send love to each of you." 6

1	Albert Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1),3(1)	brother
2	William Edwin Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(2)	paternal uncle
3	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	paternal uncle
4	Isabella L. Idell	W5;5-3( ),4(1)	mother
5	Abraham C. Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1)	father
6	Fred W. Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1),3(2)	brother
7	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	paternal uncle JOHN's wife
8	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	cousin
9	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	cousin

5;4-2(4) 17 JOHN JACOB MESSERVE b.14 Nov 1822 Savannah, GA age 29 d.11 Jan 1889 Laurel Grove Cem. age 66 Paterson, NJ	10;4-1(6) 18 JULIA CLELAND b.22 Aug 1824 Manhattanville, New York City, NY m.13 May 1852 St. Thomas Church, age 27 New York City, NY d. 6 Feb 1896 Laurel Grove Cem. age 71 Paterson, NJ
3(1) Margaret Cleland Messerve b. 7 Sep 1853 Hoboken, NJ m.22 Jan 1879 North Haledon, NJ age 25 d. 2 May 1932 Laurel Grove Cem. age 78 Paterson, NJ	Gottfried Theodor Leonhard b.27 Jul 1855 age 23 d.19 Oct 1900 Laurel Grove Cem. age 45 Paterson, NJ
3(2) John Edwin Messerve b. 3 Dec 1855 Hoboken, NJ age 25 age 31 d. age	Mattie L. Haynes (1) b. 1859 m.26 Apr 1881 Unionville, MO age 22 d.11 Mar 1885 Wichita, KS age 26 Anna Belle Cartter (2) b.13 Oct 1862 OH m.23 Nov 1887 Kansas City, MO age 25 d. age
3(3) Fanny Irene Messerve b.23 Nov 1857 New York City, NY d.20 Apr 1859 St. Matthew's Ch. age 1 Cem., Bedford, NY	X
3(4) Edgar Barron Messerve b.21 Dec 1859 Hoboken, NJ age 21 d. Wichita, KS age	Allie b. m. 5 Jul 1881 age d. age

3(5) Cleland Messerve b.25 Sep 1861 Bergen, NJ age 26 age d.30 Apr 1940 Laurel Grove Cem. age 78 Paterson, NJ	Elsie West (1) b.10 Mar 1864 Bussy, IA m.21 Sep 1887 Bussy, IA age 23 d. age (2) b. m. age d. age
5;3-1(6) 8 JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE b.24 Jul 1863 Hoboken, NJ m.25 Oct 1885 St. Mary's Church, age 22 Haledon, NJ d.10 Apr 1935 Laurel Grove Cem. age 71 Paterson, NJ	1;3-3(5) 7 ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD b.18 Oct 1854 New York City, NY age 31 d.30 Nov 1892 Oakland Cem. age 38 Atlanta, GA
3(7) Wallace Messerve b.31 Mar 1866 New York City, NY d. 1 Sep 1875 Bay View Cem. age 9 Jersey City, NJ	X

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Margaret Cleland Messerve 5;4-2(4),3(1) G. Theodor Leonhard

Maggie was born on 7 September 1853 in Hoboken, NJ. The first reference to her is from Fanny Cleland in her letter of 30 November 1853, to JULIA CLELAND: 1 2

"We all want to know how little Maggie is but I suppose Margaret will see JOHN tomorrow" 3 4

According to Rebecca Cleland's letter of 9 July 1854, to her sister, JULIA, JULIA took Maggie for a visit with their sister, Mary in Madison, CT, and was joined there by their sister, Eliza, from New York City. It is believed that the "Ann" referred to is a servant: 5 2,6 7

"Mother says tell the girls Eliza must get Ann to help take care of Maggie and Jule" 9 8

We first learn of the second child to be born to JOHN and JULIA from JULIA's cousin Julia, writing from Carthage, IL, to JULIA, on 8 April 1856: 2,4 35

"I do not forget that you are the mother of two little one" 11

Maggie's father was on a business trip through New York State during November 1856 and provided us with some news of his young daughter in three of his letters to JULIA. The first is dated 9 November 1856 from the American Hotel in Troy, NY: 4 2

"How does Maggie get along does her tongue look any better she must mind her mother and be a good girl for her papa has not forgotten her"

His next letter was written on 13 November 1856 from Syracuse, NY:

"I am much pleased to hear that our little Maggie is getting better and tries to be such a good girl. her papa will have to think ever so much of his little Maggie Tell Maggie that her papa has been up a very hill & looked way down to a big woods & he saw some bushes & saw something move behind the bushes & he peep and peep & there he saw the little Cow. the pretty Red Cow with the little white horns. Kiss Maggie and John Edwin for me." 4 11

and another on 27 November 1856 from the Eagle Hotel in Rochester, NY:

"Kiss Maggie & John Edwin for me & tell her I am on my way home" 11

JULIA was visiting with her sister, Mary, in Madison, CT, when she wrote to JOHN on 8 June 1857: 2,6

"My health is good, and Maggie is well and hearty.

Although JULIA did not say so, it appears that John Edwin remained at home in the care of his paternal grandmother. About six months later, on 23 November 1857, Maggie's sister, Fanny, was 11 10 12

born. JULIA was again visiting her sister, Mary, in Madison, where she received a letter from her mother-in-law written on 30 May 1858, from Hoboken, NJ. Although this time we learn from DEBORAH that John Edwin remained in her care, she did not indicate whether or not JULIA had taken Baby Fanny with her. 2,6 10 11 2,12

"Hope and trust your visit will do you much good and that your health will be restored ---- How dos my Maggy do O how I long to see her"

On 12 March 1859, JOHN wrote from 158 13th Street, New York, to JULIA, who was apparently at home in Bedford, Westchester County, NY: 4 2

"I must not close before I remember my little ones give them all a hearty kiss for me I hope Fannie keeps well & lets you sleep at night & Maggie is a good girl & trys to please her mama I suppose she will have several new words to spell for me when I return." 12

Over two years pass with no news of Maggie. Then, we find a brief reference in the letter to JULIA CLELAND dated 9 April 1861, from AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE in Atlanta, GA: 2 19

"Julia B. is much please to hear from Magie" 18

and more significant news in JULIA's letter from Mary S. Coggeshall written from Brooklyn, NY on 28 September 1861: 2,13

"---- but regret so much to hear of Maggie's accident. Write soon & let us know if she continues to improve. Cannot she come over & spend a few days with us before she begins to go to school again? We will try to make her happy."

We hear nothing more from or of Maggie for nearly five years. Sometime during her attendence at school, she wrote a composition entitled "The Duties of a School - girl" but it is not dated:

"I do not know what ~~are~~ the duties of every school girl are but I will try and enumerate what mine are

In the first place, I must prepare my lessons, for recitation, before I come to school. Although my lessons are not very difficult, I sometimes get puzzled, and once in a while I fail.

I try very hard not to, but it seems that when I try the hardest it is then that I fail.

I have very pleasant classmates, and a dear teacher, who tries to make every thing as pleasant, and explains every thing as well as she possibly can.

I have not many lessons, but one of them is to write a composition every 3 weeks, which I don't like, because I suppose I am not as proficient in that as in my other studies.

Other duties I have to perform are - to be at school before 9. o'clock, to be orderly and, during the day, attentive to all

that my teachers say. Also I must be kind ~~to~~ & obliging to all my classmates, to help them with their lessons, or in any thing else I can or in any other way I can"

On 13 June 1866, Mary S. Coggeshall wrote to JULIA CLELAND and included a short reference to Maggie's schooldays: 13,2

"Georgie and I are quite anxious to know all about you and if Maggie has ceased going to school yet for the summer" 15

The following note from the principal informs us that Maggie attended school in New York City in the Fall of 1867:

Ward School, No. 45,

16th Ward. West 24th Street, between 7th and 8th Avenues

New York, 4th Sept 20th 1867

Mrs Messerve

Madam:

It becomes my pleasant duty to inform you that your daughter Maggie Messervé has merited the approbation of her teacher.

During the past week she has recited correctly all her lessons, has been punctual in attendance, and lady-like in deportment.

Very Respectfully,

M. A. Coleman

Principal.

The brief reference to Maggie in the entry in her father's diary on 20 January 1867 implies that she was still attending the local school, probably the Oldham School near the Oldham Pond in Haledon, during the spring semester: 4

> "JULIA & My Self & Maggie Johny & Edgar went to Ch. Mr. Hewes Preached Text Luke 10 C & 16 V" 2,4 11,25

Maggie's sister, JULIA, treats us to some news of Maggie as a "flashback" in her letter from Atlanta, GA, to their mother as recollections of events around the time of DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER's death in November 1870: 14 2 10

> "Last night Aunt AMANDA brought out some letters one from you about a week before Grandmother died and one from Maggie three weeks after Grandmother died describing every little thing connected with her death and I was very much interested in it all ---- Maggie's letter seemed like a story; how Edgar started off with the telegraphin without overcoat mittens comforter or blanket how Emma made the mustard plaster for Grandmother's relief but Maggie did not know she went into the salt pail for the mustard in her excitement ----" 19 10 25

In the "New Jersey School Register for 1872 to 1873 for School District No. 12 In the Township of Manchester, County of Passaic", Maggie's name appears as "teacher". One of her pupils was her sister, JULIA, who mentioned it in a letter to her mother dated 2 May 1873: 14,2

> "Well I went to school this morning and "Miss Maggie" gave me a sum and I could not do but all the others that had the sum did it ---- you will see "Miss Maggie" but I only put it in for fun.----
>
> P.S. I don't think you can read it but Maggie says she thinks you can"

The following appeared in the "MARRIAGES" column of "The Paterson Weekly Press", Thursday, 30 January 1879:

> "LEONHARD - MESSERVE - On Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1879, by the Rev. Charles Pelletreau, at the residence of the bride's parents, Goddlob Theodore Leonhard and Margaret Cleland Messerve, all of Haledon."

The first reference we have to the event comes from the letter by Georgie C. Howells, from Flushing, Long Island, NY, dated 5 March 1879, to JULIA CLELAND: 15 2

> "I write tonight to express my earnest wishes for the happiness and prosperity of Cousin Maggie and her chosen Companion for life.----
>
> Will you, dear JULIA, do me the pleasure to accept the enclosed and purchase some gift for Cousin Maggie. say, please, it is a slight token of the interest I feel in her, for the sake of the love I have always borne her dear Mother. 2
>
> The Boys desire love to you and congratulations to their cousin Maggie."

Georgie followed with a second letter to JULIA on 21 March 1879: 15,2

"Your welcome letter reached me on Monday. Your good judgment, in which I always had faith, led you, I think, to an excellent decision for my token of remembrance to Cousin Maggie -- I am glad that Cousin Maggie is so happily married."

As should be expected, Maggie apparently "made the rounds" of her New York City relatives shortly after her wedding as we learn from Julia Cleland Woods in her letter of 18 May 1879 to her 17
maternal aunt, JULIA CLELAND: 2

"Aunt Mary went alone up to Madison on the 1st of May which was 6
the Thursday after Maggie was here. We enjoyed the visit of Maggie what there was of it."

No reference to the birth of Maggie's first child, Dora, has been 21
found. We learn of her son, Howard's, birth from Julia Cleland 22
Woods' letter of 1 May 1883 to JULIA CLELAND: 17,2

"Am real glad Maggie is save over the trouble and that it is a boy" 22

We do not hear of Maggie for almost a year until her mother wrote 2
on 20 April 1884 to JOHN JACOB MESSERVE, who was visiting his 4
sister, AMANDA, in Atlanta, to try to regain his health: 19

"Maggie and the Children are here, and Theo. came up after Ch. this noon and stayed till time for evening service."

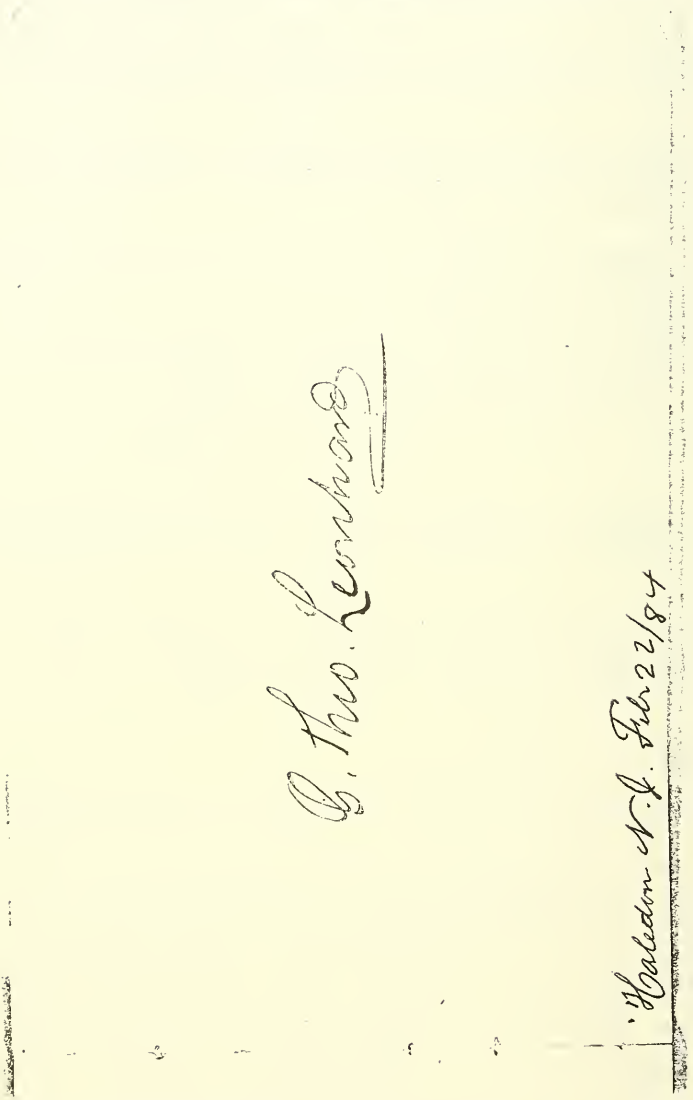
On 6 June 1884, we learn some welcome news from her brother, Edgar 25
Barron Messerve, who wrote to their mother from Milan, MO: 2

"I rec'd a letter from Maggie on May 7th giving the news of the arrival of a brand-new-girl" 23

Our first letter written by Maggie, on 26 August 1885, to her 2
mother, followed by a day the birth of her fourth child, Margaret: 24

"We are all flourishing Madeline staid over to the other house 23
till six o'clock last night as good as could be all day never a cry — That helped JULIA so that she kept steadily going 14
through all there was to do and she accomplished ever so much tired as she was - finished the ironing, & got supper ready before Madeline came back Dr. did not come. I had considerable 23
pain - but used the medicine & have not yet taken the morphine powder. Baby was pretty good all day. Slept most all the time. 24
Has had some gin & catnip & takes to it well. Aunt Jerry is homesick for Howard We wonder how he is getting along since he 22
was orphaned and how you are managing with such a big family of little people. If you need any medicine for him just send to Dr. for it - We forgot to give you the bottle we have here, but it is no matter.

JULIA got off to bed at nine o'clock last night & slept straight 14
thru' till five this morning. Theo slept down here & baby only woke once after ten o'clock, & so we all had a first-rate night



G. Theodor favored his sister-in-law, JULIA, with the above entry in her album on 22 February 1884. 14

which is necessary for working people you know. I hope Howard was not much trouble last night, I have tho't of him & Dora so much and hope Dora is trying to be a little Mother to him. Tell her our little new baby is very sweet - and sometimes I think she looks a little like her. Ask her what she thinks would be a nice name to give her. Madeline has gone over to Grandma Leonhard's for the day I 'spose. 22 21 24 23

JULIA is warming the babie's nose & toes by the fire Theo is eating breakfast and now I must stop & say goodbye with to all large and small. 14

I hope you found Papa & Dora all right when you got home. If you don't hear from us take it for granted we are all right" 4,21

On 1 December 1885, JULIA CLELAND provides us with news in her letter to her daughter, JULIA, now living with her husband of five weeks, ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD, in Atlanta, GA: 2 14

"Maggie is well & the rest of the children also ----

On Thanksgiving the Bockmullers were all to Theo's to dinner - it was a big thing - and necessitated a great deal of work and management to prepare - house, dinner, and children for the occasion - but Maggie lived through it, and it proved a success, and gratifying in many respects. I went down about 10 A.M. and helped her until 4. P.M. when I went to the Fair and helped at the supper table until 10. P.M. ---- Maggie & I together took pumpkin and apple pies & pumpkin bread to the Fair, and Maggie joined Mrs L. in sending a turkey."

JULIA CLELAND mentioned later in the letter that Aunt Fanny Richmond had visited briefly with Maggie. 2 1

In an answer to one of her mother's letters, young JULIA wrote from Atlanta on 29 December 1885: 2,14

"I was so sorry to hear that Madeline had mumps and the rest likely to have it. Maggie must have her hands running over with work now while I have nothing to do I declare it seems so selfish for me to be so happy and contented while Maggie is so worried and hurried I really feel as if I ought not to have left her for my own self" 23

All of our news in 1886 comes directly from Maggie in her two letters to her sister, JULIA, in Atlanta; the first dated 3 May and the second, 31 December 1886: 14

"I am going to write the beginning of a letter - even if I only get three lines done, for it is a shame I have not got at it before ----

I have not been feeling very well today - had some of my old trouble, whether the churning I did, had anything to do with it or not, I can't say - but I felt pretty badly for awhile but after sitting down I felt about right again. I had been taking quinine to ward off fever and think that possibly had something

to do with it.

Your letter of 29th Apr. just came tonight. The Easter Service at St. Mary's was nothing Extra. Theo played - & Emily & Miss Doty & a number of others sang, but I can't tell you the programme - but it was not so nice as last year.

The carols & hymns you sent are pretty. I should like to hear them sung - Thanks for the little Easter Cross - the only one I had given to me. I colored some eggs for us at home, with onion skins - some were dark black walnut color, some like a chestnut & some a little lighter. They looked pretty & pleased the children.

It has been decided at last - the question of our moving. Dr. Searles place is sold and Henry is to come away - and as soon as the change can be made - it is to be done. It will be fully two weeks - before it is likely we can move ----

Thanks for the fashion books I like those pictures very much - but I don't get a moment to sew - even to mend - have not sewed a bit you might say, for months - can't get the washing mended unless Mamma does a few articles when she is down. Oh! when I 2
get settled once! I do hope I can arrange my matters so I can get done some sewing - by either Mamma or me, and get every thing all sewed, mended & made that we need. I don't see any use to buy new stuff to lie around I have lots of garments cut out and not made - you know I have a large family now.

O. Theo said tell you "the pictures were very nice, but why in blazes didn't you send the garments ready to put on instead of the pictures?"

It's a touch of malaria I've got but I control it somewhat with quinine. Don't you think you ought to come and take care of me?"

"The last day of the old year! I would have written you a line before now if we had rec'd the package, but it only came this morning. We tho't they would send us notice from the Ex. that it was there, but they did not and Theo has been so busy that he forgot to go the rounds of the Ex. offices & find out. But it is here now, and many thanks from us all.---- I will send up the sheet for Mamma when we send or go for the baby, for Margie 2,24
is still with her Grandma although we came down day before yesterday - Yes, we are all moved, barring the cow & the baby. the former we don't intend to bring. Minnie & the new girl Annie cleaned the house on Monday - Tuesday laid all the carpets, except stair carpet and Wed. morning early, Minnie came up to Sq. B'k & helped pack up & send off & by noon all had gone in four single truck loads - Theo accompanying them - two loads at a time - Theo started fires & came back for us - Minnie & children & I got here about ½ past three. The girl was here with her broad smile waiting for us and rushed forward to meet me & bent over to kiss my cloth gloved hand!! Well, she does very well, but I have to talk German to make her understand - she has been here only three months. She is a scourer & cleaner and works from the minute she gets up till she goes to bed & seems to think, so far, that was what she was made for. We have no shades up yet but Theo will do them tomorrow. It seems now as if I had never been away at all - We have the rag carpet on the dining room & the old carpet in the parlor New shades for all

the windows upstairs olive green or yellow lovely ones for the parlor. Up stairs the matting from the long room in all three rooms and as yet no stair carpet but I mean to get one soon, and carpet the upper hall and we will be fixed. We have a beautiful bright flowered paper in the dining room, and a lovely border - six inches wide, carnation pinks & white flowers & gold, which makes it very cosy & cheerful. Our small stove is up stairs in the back room - and the children all sleep there ---- Christmas we had a nice time. ----"

Maggie writes on in detail about the gifts each of her children received, but Santa Claus didn't forget the "old folks":

"Theo had a new shirt & couple of hdkfs from his mother, ½ Doz h'dk'fs from me - and Mother L sent me ½ Doz silverplated teaspoons. Theo gave me a lovely carving knife & fork with white celluloid handles to match our knives, Mamma gave me ½ Doz. tea-plates Fan sent me a pretty card - and Mother L. sent a mince pie to me and one to mamma with a very pretty card - Nasturtiums - from Fan. I did not expect anything from any one & ordered the folks not to do it - with what success you may see. I didn't get anything for Mamma or Papa or Mother L. or Fan etc. - for I tho't it was understood that this year we were to go without & use our money for what was absolutely necessary, the dear knows we have none too much to use for anything. ---- Uncle Wm came up Xmas Day ---- and bro't Theo a pocketbook!! Theo says it seemed rather sarcastic, just when he was so short of money to get a nice pocket-book to keep it in!!! He bro't me a couple of magazines "English, you know", with stories & fashion plates quite pretty and interesting ---- Theo says if you or Bob have $5000.00 you could let him have at good interest, let him know. I guess you haven't - Am I right?

JULIA CLELAND provides us with the news that Maggie is expecting another child in her letter of 13 February 1887 to her daughter, JULIA in Atlanta:

"Maggie is sailing round yet, though I do not know what day or hour the summons may come for her party. While I was feeling so ill, I was greatly exercised lest I should be called for and would not be able to go."

The rest of our news for the year comes directly from Maggie's two letters written from "Leonhardville" to her sister, JULIA, in Atlanta, dated 29 April and 9 May 1887 respectively:

"Baby objects to my sewing with him on my lap so while he is nursing, I will begin this letter to you. I am in the midst of a new dress for Dora - from that pretty plaid Julia sent me and it is really beautiful, I can't admire it enough I rec'd the piece like D.s dress from you and thank you very much for your promptness, I set right about it and made new sleeves - turned the skirt wrong side out and upside down and put in a belt to make it a little longer, (won't show, always wears an apron) and now it looks as well as ever almost. At the same time cut out a waist lining and sleeve lining for this plaid dress, and have this all cut out and half made have matched the plaids in the skt. splendidly - and it is as good as a new dress - Mother

L. has given me her blue skirt and what was left of the over-skirt - (but that is worn out) for Dora, and it is so pretty; rather large pattern I suppose; - how shall I make it? it is light, open goods for warm weather. Last Tues. aft. I took Dora down to the school, and staid till school was out - and the next Morning She went and staid all day by herself all as smooth as satin, came home very much pleased. 21

Mrs Denison had bro't Miss Doty up her(e) last week & made us a nice little visit & had tea with us ----"

"---- Mamma was here today & I read your last letter to her - and find you have begun store-keeping - All our blossoms are out on the trees now, the first came a week ago today - apple blossoms are not all out but some trees are beautiful, the trees in the woods are full of tiny opening leaves - and look so beautiful, some green, some yellow, some pink and some brownish red, all opening to the sunshine all seeming to say "I'm coming" and each taking its part in making - "Spring". I never noticed the contrast between the black trunks of the trees in the woods with the tiny fresh foliage so greatly as I did this morning - as we came back from our walk with Dora Mattie H M & I. My head was so full of ideas or I was feeling it so much - but I could not have put what I meant into words if I had tried. ---- 2 21,23 22,24

Theo has taken the organ again. Emily requested him to, or he would have not done so & they have had good music these last two Sundays. ----"

We hear very little of Maggie and her family the next year and then not until we read the letter of 26 October 1888 from Meta Cleland Woods to her aunt, JULIA CLELAND: 29,2

"Now without any joking dont you think when Howard gets better it would do him and Maggie both good to come down and stay awhile with us." 22

Howard did not get better. He died in his fifth year on 6 December 1888. The only other news we have we read in the letter to JULIA CLELAND from Anna Belle Cartter, from Emporia, KS, dated 20 December 1888: 22 27

"How fortunate that JULIA is there to shoulder some of the work and help wait on the sick babies" 14

A year and a half pass before we hear from Maggie again. During that period and only a month after the loss of her eldest son, on 11 January 1889, her father died. The following Summer, JULIA CLELAND toured the Midwest to visit with her three sons and their families and a number of other relatives. During this trip, Maggie wrote to her mother on 23 June 1890, from Squaw Brook: 22 4,2 11,25 28 2

"Theo & Mr. Brunner had a pleasant day up at Echo Lake but were very tired when they reached home. Dora did not go to school till Tuesday 17th and that was the Strawberry Festival Day - so after school she staid at Mrs. D.'s but Theo came early stopped there, bro't her home, all had supper and then as Emmy was 21

on hand to go with Dora, or else stay home, Theo took them both down at 8 o'clock. They got back about 10.30 and bro't us some ice cream and candy & cake for the children in the morning.----" 21

More news of Maggie comes from her sister, JULIA, also writing from Squaw Brook to her traveling mother, in three letters dated 20 July, 29 July and 10 August 1890 respectively: 14

"Maggie is still at her cleaning and once in a while I give her a lift but I have been so close at my sewing I have not had much time to help any one.

We each do our own washing, and so far I have been able to help Maggie a little with hers by hanging some up or putting clothes on the grass or getting water, so that she has gotten along pretty well.----

10 PM When I went to dinner I learned that Theo had to go to Passaic and had invited Maggie to go with him, so that meant me clear away the dinner and bake a batch of bread get the tea ready and over and children to bed before they came home. WYN and Albert were asleep, Margie and Mattie in bed and far from and I washing dishes when they came quarter of eight Tomorrow if pleasant Dora and her Mother are going to Paterson and leave the baby with me." 30 31,24,23 21 32

This is the first time we learn of the birth of the sixth child, William, to Theo and Maggie.

"The only real piece of excitement I have to write about is the killing of that worrisome rat of Maggies ---- I shut the closet door and the foolish fellow came in the closet and there I had him ---- he climbed up and down and did not seem to be able to find his way out Theo and Maggie came about six o'clock we shut the doors let the rat out of his trap and killed him."

"Theo went to Philadelphia last Thurs. I went down with him in the morning and brought Bess back, changed her to the carriage and took all the children but Willie for a ride ---- The next day I took the horse to the stable for Theo to come home with ----

Maggie and I have each made a nice little batch of blackberry jelly ----" 32

About two and a half years later, JULIA CLELAND received a letter from Mary C. Howells, writing from Hamilton, OH, on 21 January 1893 which included a reference to Maggie: 2 13

"I often think of Maggie & her sweet, bright children. I have the pictures of the two little girls in my album & often look at them. Of course they have grown so much since I was there. So you are all together still. I should think you would never care to keep house away from each other."

The news of the expected birth of the seventh child to Maggie comes from her brother, Cleland, who mentioned the fact in his letter from Emporia, KS, dated 11 June 1893, to his mother: 20 28 2

"I shall look anxiously for a word announcing Maggie's safe delivery."

This was followed by a letter from Cle's wife, Elsie West, who was visiting with her family in Bussy, IA, written from there on 9 July 1893 to JULIA CLELAND. Elsie is referring to a letter Cle received from his sister, JULIA, which announced the coming event: 28,33 14

"She also wrote - Maggie expected to again become a mother - I have been anxious to hear she was safely through her trial."

The letter of 19 April 1894 from Julia Ella Dowd, writing from Madison, CT, to Maggie, contained somewhat ominous news: 8

"Seems to me your husband is slightly addicted to getting sick as well as mine."

Seven years later, on 19 October 1900, at the age of 45, Theo died and was interred in Laurel Grove Cemetery, Paterson, NJ. Maggie lived until 2 May 1932 and was interred beside her husband. For many years, as a widow, she lived at 329 Lafayette Avenue, Passaic, NJ, with her two unmarried daughters, Dora and Margaret, and at a Summer home in Madison, CT. 21,24

A dedication service of three clerestory windows was held at St. John's Episcopal Church, Passaic, NJ, on 20 October 1946. The following reference to Margaret was printed in "The Order of Service":

The Margaret Cleland Leonhard Window - The Pentecost

Given by her children. Her window is above the Choir in memory of her interest in and support of our music.

1	Sarah Frances Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(5)	maternal aunt
2	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	mother
3	Margaret Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(1)	maternal aunt
4	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	father
5	Rebecca Hoatly Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(4)	maternal aunt
6	Mary Hattrick Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(2)	maternal aunt
7	Eliza Howard Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(3)	maternal aunt
8	Julia Ella Dowd	10;5-2( ),4(2),3(4)	cousin
9	JULIA COTTRELL	20;5-1(4)	maternal grandmother
10	DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER	19;5-1(4)	paternal grandmother
11	John Edwin Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2)	brother
12	Fanny Irene Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(3)	sister
13	Mary S. Coggeshall	20;6-2( ),5(9),4(3)	1st cousin once removed
14	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	sister
15	Georgianna Coggeshall	20;6-2( ).5(9),4(4)	1st cousin once removed
17	Julia Cleland Woods	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(1)	cousin
18	Julia Barron Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(4)	cousin
19	AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	5 & 9;4-1(3)	paternal aunt
20	Edgar Dorwart Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(7)	son
21	Dora Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(1)	daughter
22	Howard Messerve Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(2)	son
23	Madeline Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(3)	daughter
24	Margaret Verena Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(4)	daughter
25	Edgar Barron Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(4)	brother
26	ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD	1;3-3(5)	sister JULIA's husband - cousin
27	Anna Belle Cartter (2)	W5;4-2(4),3(2)	brother John's second wife
28	Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5)	brother
29	Meta Cleland Woods	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(6)	cousin
30	WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;2-2(1)	sister JULIA's son
31	Albert Theodor Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(5)	son
32	William Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(6)	son
33	Elsie West (1)	W5;4-2(4),3(5)	brother Cleland's wife
34	James L. Parker	H10;5-2( ),4(2),3(4)	cousin Julia Ella Dowd's husband
35	Julia	20;6-2( ).5(5),4( )	mother's cousin
36	William Edwin Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(2)	paternal uncle

Goodbye
love to
all -
from
Maggie

22 October 1887

Spring 1887

5;4-2(4),3(2) John Edwin Messerve b. 3 Dec 1855 Hoboken, NJ age 31 d. age	Anna Belle Cartter (2) b.13 Oct 1862 OH m.23 Nov 1887 Kansas City, MO age 25 d. age

John Edwin Messerve 5;4-2(4),3(2) Mattie Haynes (1)
Anna Belle Cartter (2)

John, the first son and second child of JOHN JACOB MESSERVE and JULIA CLELAND, was born on 3 December 1855 in Hoboken, NJ. The first reference to him is in the letter to JULIA dated 8 April 1856 from JULIA's cousin Julia in Carthage, IL:

"I do not forget that you are the mother of two little one"

An amusing reference to little John Edwin we find in a letter from his uncle, William, written from Hoboken, NJ, on 20 July to his other paternal uncle, Abraham, in San Francisco, CA:

"Does your boy take after his father? But I suppose he does, that is the natural consequence. It is the way with the boy we got here - JOHN's boy takes after his Father very much - as a sample, that he does so, I will say he likes every thing good, especially the sweet things. And he partakes somewhat of his daddy's propensity (as in his youthful days) of Lamming you, if you don't do as he wishes, but he is a right smart chap."

While on a business trip through New York State, JOHN wrote from the American Hotel, Troy, NY, on 9 November 1856, to JULIA. It appears that, in his reference to their son, he meant "does not mind" to warrant such a punishment as "course of sprouts":

"---- and little John Edwin If he does mind his mama why you must put him through a course of sprouts —"

In JOHN's next two letters during his trip to his wife, on 13 November and 27 November 1856, from Syracuse and Rochester, NY respectively, his message to their children was identical:

"Kiss Maggie and John Edwin for me ----"

His father was on another business trip through New York State, his mother, with little Maggie, was visiting with her sister, Mary, in Madison, CT, and little John remained at home in the care of his paternal grandmother, DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER, when JULIA wrote to JOHN on 8 June 1857:

"I am getting anxious to return home, I want to see my baby so much ----"

We find a "repeat performance" in 1858. DEBORAH was taking care of her grandson, John, when she wrote on 30 May 1858, from Hoboken, NJ, to his mother, who, with his sister, Maggie, was visiting her sister, Mary, in Madison, and while his father was away on a business trip through New York State:

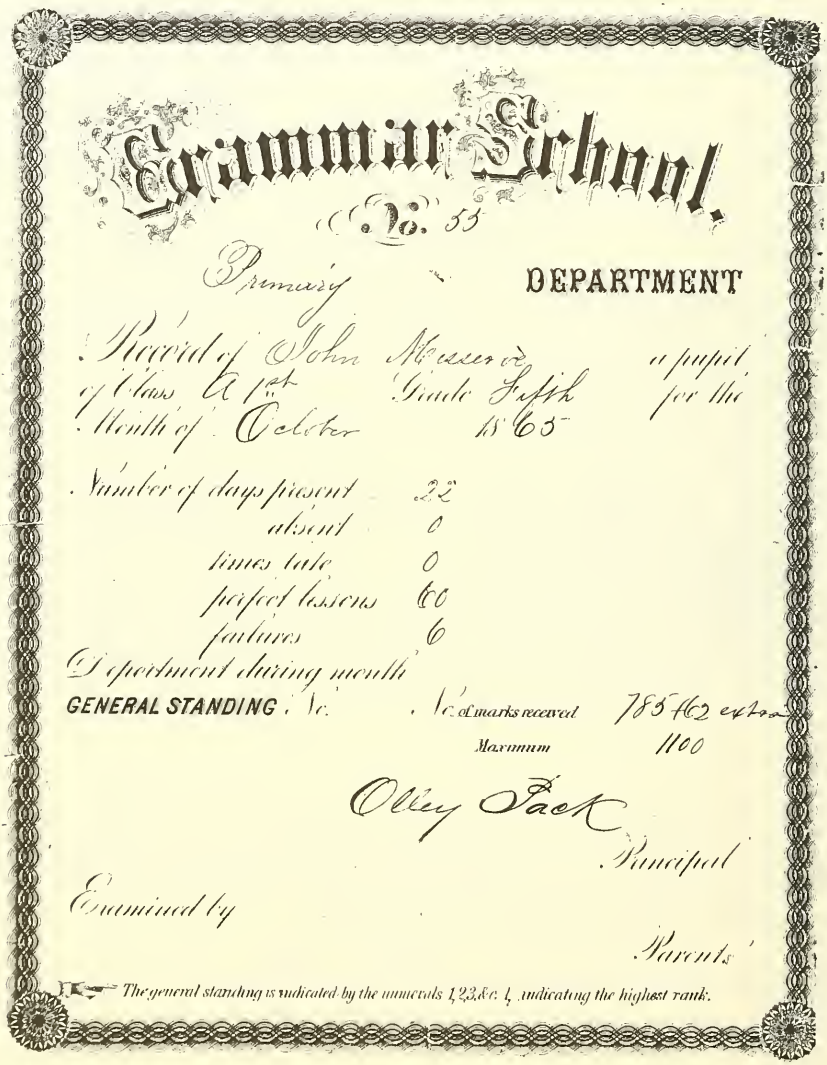
"Our little John Edwin is very well and happy he is very cheerful and very fond of his uncle William as well as his aunt Ann and they do everything to please and amuse him and we have got a long very well ----"

Our only news of John the following year is the brief reference

to him by his father, writing from New York City on 12 March 1859, 1
to his mother at home in Bedford, NY: 2

"---- tell John Edwin he must be a good boy & try to please his mother."

Except for the certificate covering the month of October, 1865, below when John was in the fifth grade in Grammar School, we hear nothing of him for nine years:



Grammar School
No. 55
Primary DEPARTMENT

Record of John Messerve a pupil
of Class A 1st Grade Fifth for the
Month of October 1865

Number of days present 22
absent 0
times late 0
perfect lessons 60
failures 6
Deportment during month
GENERAL STANDING. No. No. of marks received 78562 extra
Maximum 1100

Olley Pack
Principal

Examined by

Parents

The general standing is indicated by the numerals 1,2,3&c. 1 indicating the highest rank.

An entry in JOHN's diary for 20 January 1867 provides us with our next news of his son, John: 1

"JULIA & My Self & Maggie Johny & Edgar went to Ch. Mr Hewes Preached Text Luke 10 C & 16 V" 2,1,7,11

On 21 May 1867 from Hartford, CT, DEBORAH wrote to her grandson, Johnnie at Squaw Brook Farm: 9

"I received your good little letter and was much pleased to get it and for all the infermation you give me how you get along and how the Farm gets on your two hens with their chickens gets a long in this cold weather, & you have got to be quite a horse back rider on old ? four Fellows how I should like to see him. Take good care of him, you Jony you have began to dig your garden I expect by the time I get home it will look nicely you must write grandmother again. tell Eddy I will try and write him tell him grandmother says he must be a good Boy untill ? ? ? my love to all your affectant grandmother" 9,11

John was confirmed at St. Mary's Church, Haledon, NJ, on 9 August 1867:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

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This is to Certify,

That *Mr John Messerve*

received the Apostolic Rite of Laying on of Hands, at a Confirmation, holden in *St. Mary's Church, Haledon*

By the Right Reverend Father in God, *Wm Henry Odenheimer D.D.*

Bishop of *New Jersey*

on *Friday the 9th of Aug.*

In the Year of Our Lord *1867*

Rev. Chas. A. Wenman Rector.

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John's grandmother was planning to visit his parents at Squaw Brook when she wrote to them from Hoboken on 12 March 1868: 9,1,2

"I hope it will be so that you can come for me bring joney or Eddy with you and we can take all my things" 11

Unfortunately there is no date on the paper but at sometime during John's school days, he wrote the following poem:

A little way from Paterson
About two miles or more
There stands a little building
And facing south is the door.

On the north of this small building
Is a fence made of posts and of rails
On the east there's one much better
Made of smooth pickets or pales.

The west is bounded by a wall
About one hundred feet long
It will stand I think for many years
Because it's built so strong

A discription of Haledon School
That I've making in rhyme
Will have to come to an end
Because I havn't more time

Also undated is the "Reward of Merit" presented to John by one of his teachers:

In "Tracy's School Record" for the school-year 1871-1872, are listed the attendence and class divisions for all of the children of JOHN and JULIA except the eldest, Maggie; that is, John Edwin, Edgar Barron, Cleland, JULIA PUTNAM and Wallace Messerve'. John was not listed in the "New Jersey School Register for 1872 to 1873 for School District No. 12" but was included with his younger brothers and sister in the School Census of District No. 12. Manchester Township, for 1873. 1,2,7 11,13 12,14

In "The Scholar's Diary; Designed for the Use of All Who Go To School", John wrote two entries; the first on Monday, March 4th and the second on Tuesday, March 12th, 1872:

"Today is rather cloudy but not very cold: this morning it snowed pretty hard but it melted as soon as it reached the ground and now the clouds are breaking away.

The ice is melting in the brook and the boys do not pompy any more because we cannot go out of the yard."

"pompy" is the game of running across ice over a brook or pond not strong enough to support the standing weight of the runner. The ice actually flexes as a flag in a breeze. Of course the last boy to run always got his feet wet or worse.

"This morning it snowed about two inches deep but now it is all melted. It is pretty warm today and that is what made the snow melt so."

John's ten year old sister, JULIA, wrote a letter to their mother who was visiting relatives in New York City, on 2 May 1873, giving us a bit of news of her brother: 12,2

"When Edgar and Johnny came home Edgar said he had to walk only as far as Mr. Blamire's and rode from there on horse back and when he met Papa Papa said that he did not expect him for a half an hour. 11 1

Edgar and Johnny brought up Mr. Blamires bookcase this morning" 11

On 1 September 1875, the terrible shooting accident occurred which caused the death of John's youngest brother, Wallace. According to the report in the Paterson Daily Press, Thursday Evening, September 2, 1875,: 14

"These guns were not loaded usually, but the eldest son of Mr. Messerve had loaded them a few days ago, which the younger boys did not know." 1 13,14

On 9 November 1876, John left his home and family at Squaw Brook Farm, North Haledon, NJ, to seek his fortune in the West. We read the details of his trip as a "flashback" in part of his letter to his mother, written on the first anniversary of his departure, 9 November 1877:

"Today! What is today? Today is the anniversary of our start for the "west". It is <u>now</u> eight o'clock P.M. by our time, which is about two hours later than when we started; as time near N. York is about one hour later, at the same time, than it is here.

I thought I would like to do some thing today, to commemorate the day, and concluded that the best thing I could do, would be to write to you, and mention the fact. I suppose all you "Eastern folks" have thought of this day, and of the past year, about as we have today. Do you remember this day a year ago? I do, at any rate:

I drove Maggie to the depot in the morning, and she took my trunk to N. York on her ticket: coming home I stopped at Leonhard's and a few other places, to bid adieu; after dinner, rode 7

rode on "General" up the "side-road", and back, by the other one, taking leave of the neighbors; then had just time enough to fix a little, while Papa hitched the horse to the wagon. I 1
bid good bye to every fear, — I should say, you and the Squaw 2
Brook Farm, and wiped my weeping, — I mean, rode to Paterson with JULIA and Papa: there took the train for N.Y. I think the 12,1
4.30, and while on board, commenced a diary, which I have kept up ever since; of the principle events and things done each day, and on the road out here, took notes right in with it. Arriving on the New York side I met the Richmond family, Maggie, and all 15,16,7
the rest, (Maggie knows who there was, ask her): All but Uncle James and I, went across the ferry fifteen minutes before train 15
time, and we attended to the baggage, came across, and joined the folks: then we, the R. family, Maggie, and I, bid good bye 7
to the other folks, took the train bound for the "west": Arriving at Paterson, there we found Papa, JULIA, Edgar, T. Leon- 1,12,11
hard, and several others waiting to see us: Maggie got out, and after one more "shake of the hand" around, we started: I fell to those hot buscuits, you gave me just as I came away, and before the next night they were gone down the red lane. The rest of the journey I have told you about; our visit at Mr. Moran's and our arrival in Girard. ----"

Girard is located in the southeast corner of Kansas about ten miles northwest of Pittsburg.

We skip to John's letter from Girard dated 24 November 1876 to his sister, Maggie, for details of his journey: 7

"As I haven't much to occupy my time, I will attempt to give a little history of our Journey etc. After leaving you at Paterson, I remembered that I had not eaten supper; so I opened the parcel that Mamma so thoughtfully had put up, and did good jus- 2
tice to some of those warm biscuits and Shield's smoked beef. The country through New York state is mountainous, and very pretty to ride through; we made few stoppages, and at some of the stations I got out for a change of position, and something to "blow" about. Aunt Fanny seemed to rest very well; as did 16
the rest of our "crowd"; Harry & I were the wide awake ones to 17
get out and look around; they make long stops on these through trains. Greenwood was our first stop, there we saw a blast furnace, with large flames of fire coming out of large iron chimneys, which looked grand in the night, and mountains on all sides. Goshen came next, nothing particular. Middletown, 11 o' clock, 66 miles from Jersey City; good sized depot and surroundings to match; I took a good look around & went in the depot, and would know the place, if I was dropped out of a balloon there. Port Jervis next stop, changed locomotives; Lackawaxen 1 o'clock; hot coffee! Hancock, Deposit and Binghamton, came in succession before daylight: at each I glanced around; Elmira 6.30 Friday morning; detained an hour, 273 3/4 miles from J. City; we ate breakfast after leaving there. Addison we did nothing much; country mountainous, a great deal of pine timber, and some burnt districts, weather somewhat cloudy. Arrived Hornellsville ten o'clock; 20 minutes for breakfast; after leaving H. country, hilly and wooded mostly with pine; a great quantity of sawed lumber, piled up in sight of the track, all through this pine timber country, ground somewhat stumpy, and

fences made of large stumps. Londondale 11.25. Passed over Portage bridge 11.45 which spans a deep cut, seemingly in solid rock, one hundred feet deep, and fifty feet wide, takes a winding course, and has a river at the bottom, which I think must be a branch of the Alleghany river. Castile 12M. the country better near here for farming, less stones & stumps. Ate dinner 1 o'ck Country near East Buffalo level; arrived East Buffalo 1.30 P.M. changed cars to the Grand Trunk RR. It seemed like leaving an old friend, to get out of the car we had been in so long; arrived Black Rock on the bank of the Niagara river, fourteen miles above the falls, at three P.M. changed to another train on the same road, crossed the river, and came into Canada, where the train stopped for our baggage to be examined by an officer of some kind. The Country in Canada is level; some of it stumpy and a quantity of heavy timber, the fences are for the most part Virginia snake fence, the rest being of stumps; houses are nearly all of logs, except in towns; paint is seldom used. Caladonia 5 P.M. small town like Haledon; Paris 6 o'clock, dark. Ate supper at 8.30. Port Huron 10 o'clock, 20 minutes for supper; it must be a great bother to depend upon these meal stations for meals, as you lose your seats, bolt your food etc. Arrived at Detroit Michigan, 11.15 and waited about an hour, took a train on the Michigan Central for Chicago. The country through Mich. is level, well wooded and some wet meadows near the lake; at Mich. City 9.10 Saturday morn. on the shore of the lake, there is a great quantity of sawed lumber piled up; great banks of white sand fifty feet high, bare and bleak, lay along the edge of the lake. At this point, two Italian boys came in the train, one with harp, and the other with violin, and gave us some music to vary the monotony of our journey. While we were nearing Chicago I wrote that first postal card, and expected to leave it at Chicago but for fear of losing the connecting train, I very reluctantly put it in my pocket, resolving to send it the first, possible opportunity. At Chicago, we took a train on the Burlington & Quincy R.R. for Galesburg at 10 A.M. The country in Illinois level; the principle crop being corn. Arrived at Galesburg 5 P.M. took a train on the Peoria branch of the C.B. & Q. R.R., got out at Yates City, took train for Canton; Arrived 6.30, couldn't find any of the Morans as they did not expect us at that depot; we would have taken a train on the T.P. & W. road if our train had not been behind hand, which would have taken us to Civer. In my letter to Papa I commenced from here to tell him of our arrival & visit at Mr. M's.; I posted the postal card from Canton as you know, and now I skip over to where I left off with Mamma." 1 2

We shall set aside the letter to Maggie for a while in order to keep John's story in chronological order and turn to his letter written at Civer, IL on 18 November 1876 to his mother. We do not have his description of their meeting with the Morans on Saturday the 11th of November: 7 2

"We're not started yet as you see, but expect to start Monday if nothing happens to hinder. In my letter to Papa I made a sort of diary of what we had done, up to Tuesday morning. Since then Mr. Moran killed one of his fat hogs, and of cour(s)e we boys helped him. They first take a rifle, loaded with a ball, and shoot it between the eyes, it falls immediately, when they 1

stick it so it will bleed. When it is dead, they drive up a team and sled, throw in on, take it near the house, scald it with a little oil of tar (¼ of a pint in what will scald a hog) in the water, to make the scurf come off. The hogs are in a large lot; showing the reason for shooting them; they can't be caught.

Wednesday, Joe Moran took us boys to Canton, in a wagon to see the town; it is about the size of Passaic; has very few high buildings; wooden sidewalks and muddy streets; the stores carry on two or three different businesses, for instance, a grocery store has not only groceries but cloths, calicos, boots & shoes. Drugs and musical instruments go together. Joe M., Charley R., & I had our pictures taken in a group, each had one picture; I gave mine to Mary Ella, and I promised Cousin Augusta, one of my photographs when it came. Wednesday evening, the Moran boys were invited to a dance; Ernest & Frank went, taking Charley and me with them; they dance so different here from what they do at High Mountain, that I only danced a shottische." 18 19 18

A "schottische", according to the dictionary, is a round dance in duple measure resembling a slow polka.

"The boys have been making cider whenever they had nothing else to do, and have just finished the last of their apples; they make about four barrels a day, and their cellar is filled with barrels of cider. Friday, I helped Mr. Moran fan about forty Bu. Wheat, which is his whole crop this year. About four o'clock in the afternoon, Ernest, Harry and I went to Civer (half mile) coalmine, went down the shaft, and went through the entries, saw and talked to the miners, and helped some of them load drill holes. The passages or "entries" as they call them, are five feet wide, and the coal being only 4 feet thick, makes the height of ceiling four feet; the way of working is this: there is a main entry running out each side of the shaft about one hundred yards, and from this entry, shorter entries run, to the different men at work; they leave strips of coal, four feet broad, twenty feet apart, and between these strips of coal, are posts to hold up the slate, which is above the coal, under the coal is fire clay; one has to walk stooped over all the time. The Shaft is seventy feet deep, from the surface of the ground, to bottom of the mine; they ascend and descend in a "cage" run by an engine on the surface of the ground. The miners blast the coal first, and then pick it down with picks, load it on cars holding about 25 Bu., and it is hauled to the shaft (to be run on the cage) by a small mule; the mule stable is right in the mine; "they" use churn drills, (papa knows what that is) and drill seven feet in an hour; five feet is a hole ready to blast; they use one foot of powder, and tamper with fine coal; miners get four cents a bushell and can mine about one hundred Bu. on an average day, making $4.00; they furnish their own tools & powder." 17

The next day, Saturday, 18 November, John returned to the mine:

"Today Uncle James, Aunt Fanny, Cousin Augusta, Mary Ella, Ernest, Frank, Charley, Julia, Andy, Mr. & Mrs. Stone & I visited the mine, and were piloted by a miner, who is not working 15,16, 19,18, 20,21

on account of a sore hand; all were pleased with their journey "down in the coal mine"

When we set aside John's letter of 24 November 1876 to Maggie, we had read up to "and now I skip over to where I left off with Mamma." Now we return to this letter: 7 2

"How would you like to go down in a coal mine? walk with your head even with your hips, talk to the miners, but that is not bad, for they are good natured, jolly, pleasant fellows; they gave us empty powder kegs to sit on, explained mining generally. and made us feel quite at home. After I wrote to Mamma Saturday, we were visited by two of the miners, all slicked up, and one would never suppose that they were the black looking men we saw in the mine; they were not over twenty five years old, and one of them played the violin for us; we passed a very pleasant evening: to top it all we danced a quadrille; "we" means Mr. & Mrs. Moran, Mr. & Mrs. Stone Aunt Fanny, Mary Ella, Frank Moran & I. Joe M. played the violin." 16

A "quadrille", according to the dictionary, is a square dance for four couples made up of five or six figures chiefly in 6/8 and 2/4 time:

"Sunday we didn't do much of anything but walk around a little and read. Monday morning was taken up with getting ready to start "west"; we went to Civer in two lumber wagons (that is the way they ride there, when they cant afford a spring wagon. or the roads are heavy, which they are at present) Mr. & Mrs. Moran, Joe Wysong (Mary Ella's husband) & Mary Ella, Mrs. Stone and Frank went to see us off;"

So, after a ten day visit with the Moran family, the Richmonds and John leave for Girard, KS.(We do not know whether we are related to the Morans and so far, the identity of cousin Augusta, whom John mentions frequently, is not known either.) 19

"We started on the Toledo Peoria & Warsaw R.R. 10.50 train. The Railroads through this part, rather rough on account of all the travel being on one track, and no stones to help make it solid; in this vicinity we passed two grind stone quarries; R.R.s better afterwards. Arrived Bushnell (IL) 12.15 noon, and had to wait till 6.15 that night before we could get a train to go on; we knew it before we left Civer, but it was the best thing we could do. During our stoppage, Uncle James, the boys & myself visited Pierponts & Tuttles Cultivator and Plow Works, and saw blacksmithing & wheelwrighting done on a broad scale; we ate our dinner in the depot, and Aunt Fanny said the afternoon didn't seem very long to her, she made the acquaintance of a woman traveling in our direction, and train also, but not going as far as we were. Left Bushnell 6.15 by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R.; arrived Quincy 9.30 P.M. Stopped 35 minutes for supper; not our crowd but you know; Changed cars to the Hanible & St. Joseph R.R. for Kansas City. Crossed the Mississippi river immediately after leaving Quincy, which is on the river as you know. The river is spanned by a substantial iron bridge very long as the river is wide. Arrived Cameron Junction 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, 53½ miles from Kansas City: 15 16

waited 20 minutes for breakfast. Arrived Kansas Cy. 9.30; left by the M.R.,Ft.S. & Gulf R.R. 10 o'clock, after rechecking our trunks to Girard. Fort Scot, stopped for coal; country along this road somewhat settled but most of it prarie. We arrived at Girard at 4.30 Tues. afternoon which finished our railroading. Here we met a man that Uncle James knew, who told us that the 15
goods had not come yet; we went to the Andrus House a kind of a one horse hotel, the best in the place, and made arrangements to stay there till something turned up; we were all very tired especially Aunt Fanny, and the thoughts of a bed, and good sup- 16
per, were uppermost in our minds; before going to bed, and after supper I wrote that second postal card home, & one to Mr. Moran; ---- We retired about 8.30: Arose 7 o'clock Wed. morn. ate breakfast, posted postal cards; there is only one mail from here daily 9 A.M. We made a few purchases in the morning such as a stove, kitchen chairs, broom, plates, wooden pails etc, that Aunt F. is deficient of even when things come (I've got ahead of my story) Well! just before dinner, we all went to the house that was engaged for us, and began to clean up, thinking the things would come in a day or so; after dinner, (which we ate at the A. House, making in all a day's board, to make it even, and which we all thought was too much for Uncle James to 15
pay;) the land agent lent me a team of horses & lumber wagon to bring our trunk & stove etc. to the house, which I did and got the house to rights, and with a big bunch of prarie hay, and my quilt & pillow, and the blankets they brought, and our coats, and the big role of unbleached muslin, and role of Canton flannel, we made some very good beds and slept pretty well with a coal fire to keep us warm; Thurs., UncleJ. & Aunt F. went to 15,16
see the 240 acres of prarie, and the improved farm of 160 A. and seemed quite in favor of exchanging. Uncle J. recived a letter from Great Western R.R. saying, that his things were detained at Buffalo, and would not be sent till they were prepaid for from there, and one of the land agents was to go to Kansas Cy. that night, and would telegraph so that they would be here in a few days. We boys went to Mr Hacketts house last night ---- and got some comfortables which he insisted upon us having and wanted to lend us a mattrass too.

We are very comfortably fixed although the things haven't come, ---- our only inconvenience is, that we haven't a table, but have to use two trunks put together which serves very well for the present; We expect to have a table tomorrow morning before breakfast, as one is ordered which will be used as a kitchen table afterwards. We were visited by Mr. Hackett this morning, and Uncle James decided upon taking the 160 A. improved farm, N. East of Girard, 3¼ miles; for the 240 A. Prarie land 3 3/4 miles West of G. so when those heavy boxes arrive they will not have to be handled twice but taken direct "terhum"; the house is old on the place and not big enough, but will do for this or till the new one is built, and we will be handy to our work while building. Uncle James asked each one's opinion in regard to the trade, and you may bet your bottom dollar, that I sung out loud for the improvement; for plenty of reasons ---- there are fruit trees in bearing, a good well of water, a hedge on the east & south sides and enough other fencing to finish the other sides, a quantity of it broken up, and as Aunt Fanny 16
terms it "something to go to"----"

Back East, William Edwin Messerve, writing from New York City on 23 November 1876, to JULIA CLELAND, informed her: 4 2

"---- I am glad to hear from Johnnie ----"

From Girard, KS, John wrote again to his mother on 8 December 1876: 2

"Papa's work must keep him very busy no doubt, doing everthing and more beside, but if he had them here, (I mean the stock) he could attend to them in half the time, & with one eighth the expense; corn is worth 20 or 25 cents a bushel shelled, & prairie hay which horses & cattle eat with great relish, for $2.50 a ton; I have not seen any cultivated hay, or straw, for they use prairie hay for both bedding, & to eat; three quarters of the cattle here, are fastened to a stake, close to a stack of hay, with a rope 20 feet long, and left there all winter, only being taken away to water every day. ---- Things lay around loose out here, both in town & country, & don't get stolen like Johnnie Walton's coat & the car cash box. ---- Maggie calculated right, when she wrote on the 2nd inst, that tomorrow (3 December) would be my birthday, and I thank her for her good wishes ---- Since I last wrote, Uncle James has made all the necessary arrangements concerning the improved farm, and it now belongs to him; ---- the cellar is partly dug for the house, the frame is being made here in Girard, & the masons are ready to build the foundation as soon as the cellar is finished; the house will be 18 by 26, 2 story, 3 rooms upstairs & 2 down; a milk room in the cellar, and the chimney running nearly in the middle so that fire can be made in all the rooms but one small one upstairs; ---- Uncle J. has bought a team harness & lumber wagon; the team are both mares, brown bay, 15 hands, stout, one 7 and the other 8 years old, used to this kind of farming, gentle, fat, & free drivers on the road; they are barefooted now, and I don't think they were ever shod; they don't Shoe horses here, except when they travel on the road a good deal, or about town; there are no stones to hurt their feet; the Wagon is new, made at Rock Falls Ill., weighs 1080 lbs. runs easily, the axles are heavy wooden ones with iron arms, the box is capable of holding corn enough to make 25 Bu. after it is shelled, or about 50 Bu of fine grain, has a spring seat and a break; almost every lumber wagon through the Western country that I have seen, has a break; the whole affair cost $290. There was on the farm. when Uncle James bought it, a man who hired it from the former owner: he had 40 Acres corn standing, unhusked, at the time, & Uncle J. bought it at 18 cts a Bu., and expects to husk it; we think it will produce 1450 Bu Shelled corn; they call 70 lbs. of corn on the cob, equal to a Bushel shelled corn, and when they say there is 100 Bu corn in a field, they mean 100 times 70 lbs.; Uncle J. expects to <u>make</u> a little on the corn, as the crop throughout the West is poor and the corn buyers in town are cribing all they can get; the price varies from 20 to 25 cts a bushel. In the last week, we have been taking lumber up to the farm to make a corn crib, and <u>have</u> it near enough done to put corn in it; I have been making <u>it</u>, with the help of the boys; it will hold, when finished, 1536 Bu. of ears. or 768 when Shelled, and I expect we'll have to build another crib. We have been husk- 1 7 15 15 15

ing for the last three days with the team & wagon, going up to the farm as early as we can get off, which is 8 o'clock; Uncle J. hires stable room, & hay, for the horses for 25 cts each, a week, and we bring them corn down from the farm. The Furniture has not arrived yet, but we are expecting it pretty soon. 15

While I was at Civer, Mr. Moran gave me a pair of boots lined with short buffalo fur, from top to toe, which were too short for him, & the boys didn't like them for some reason or other; they are very warm and not more than half worn out. Sunday before last, I went with Uncle James & Charley to the Baptist church here, because we had not found the Episcopal yet, but, coming home we passed it; in passing, met the superintendent Mr. Huntoon, who answered our questions without a murmer; they hold S. School every Sunday at 11 o'clock, & Service 3rd Sun. in every month; the minister is a Mr Cox from Fort Scott, 40 miles north of here on the R.R.; he expects to be here on the 17th inst. & hold communion also. Last Sunday, I went to "our S.S.", and was asked to teach a class of 9 girls, (who study about the same lesson as my class at Haledon) as the teacher was not there; I did it of course; was invited to attend a meeting of the Mite Society on Thurs. evening (last night) at Dr. Warner's house in G. Charley & I went, & found the people sociable & entertaining. I met there, the teacher of the class I took, a very pleasant lady of about 45; she asked me to continue to teach the class, as she has a large family and can't come regularly. They are getting up a Fair, and appointed me on the committee of arrangements without asking me at all; to meet next Monday night at "somebody's" house; there are about 8 in all. I was not forward in telling them all I knew about things but they seemed to take it for granted, and even said, "that if I came from N.Y. I must know all about such things"; they don't make themselves cheap either. Two of the ladies came to see Aunt Fanny yesterday & She liked them very much.----" 15,18 18 16

On 19 December 1876, William Edwin Messerve, writing from New York City to JULIA CLELAND, again mentioned hearing from John: 4 2

"I got a letter from Mr. J. E. Messerve', of Kansas. It Kinder, Sorter looks well on paper to see relatives hailing from foreign States. I answered right away, so he will get the letter by Christmas."

Fanny wrote to her sister, JULIA, on 25 January 1877, but did not indicate clearly whether they have moved into the old house on the farm. She did, however, refer frequently to John: 16,2

"---- at first Johny did not seem to think I would be interested in his letters, but in a little while he seemed to take pity on me & now he hands me your letters after he has read them, it is real good of him, he is a real good boy, " I beg his pardon" Man, ---- last Sunday ---- Johny & the boys went down again in the evening on horseback, Mr. Cox (the Minister) requested Johny to remain a little while after service, and wants him to take the position of Lay Reader, lent him a book of sermons, went through the rotine of the services, & thinks he can do it very well if he will. Johny took the position of Superintendent thinking that was a great thing for him to do, but when it

comes to standing up in the place of the Minister, he seems to shrink from it, he says the idea of standing there before those old grey headed men, old enough to be his grandfather, he thinks some of them should do that, but I tell him not to think of that, just make up his mind to do the best he can and leave the rest with a higher power, he is to give it out in S. School next sunday for the following Sunday. I hope he will succeed. -y-- boys in the corn, finished one lot today got 25 acres yet to do nothing being done to the building."

John's letter to his father dated 14 May 1877 was written from "Durham Farm" and states he and the Richmond family have been on the farm "the last three months": 1

"It is rather late tonight to begin a letter, but I thought I had better begin now, and finish another time: beside it will not disturb any body, for I have all my writing material, a table, & a light, upstairs/ladder in this sky-parlor of the old house, (and have had for the last three months) and can write, or study undisturbed as late as I like, and then tumble into bed. (we three boys sleep up here). Today has been very rainy, or rather this morning was, and Charley and I have been to town 18 this afternoon with team and wagon, for several things, & the mail, which was not got on Sat. eve. ----"

As John goes on with his letter, we feel that we are really getting to know him. It is obvious that he is spending much time in planning his future:

"I've been thinking for some time past about how we were situated as a family, and about our affairs in general. As regards myself, Uncle James says "as he has paid out so much money for 15 building, stock, and for many other things that he did not anticipate he cannot afford to keep anybody after I leave him, but will try and get along with what help he has and perhaps hire somebody by the day, during the heaviest of harvest and if I cannot get something to do by the 1st of June, he will take me for wages through that month at least, and after that, if I am not successful, I can make this my home; but he cannot promise me wages: I do not worry about this, for I think I will come out all right. My object in view now, is, to get something to do that will bring me in the most money, so that I can travel around, and see the country in different places throughout the West, as long as I am free, as it were, and can do it; and by that means, will know better where to settle, if ever such a thing occurs.

There are advantages, and disadvantages here, as well as elsewhere, and I like the west pretty well, especially for farming, and perhaps will make my home somewhere in it eventually: there is land enough that can be hired or bought very reasonably, and there is no need of "money in hand" to get land to work with: one cannot work alone without tools, stock, house, housekeeper, and a little money to live on for the first while/year: for two teams, and the absolute necessary tools it would require about $525.00 that is beside the living, and whatever stock such as hogs, cattle or sheep a person would like to start with. It depends a good deal upon whether one gets a tract of unbroken

prairie, (where you would have to build a house, and start from the very bottom) or, get a place with a house on it, a growth of hedge, & fruit trees, and broken ground; the latter is considered more profitable than the former here: the best way to get a farm out here is, to get it from private parties, as they have very little means of advertising, and have no agents on the R.R. trains to snap up land seekers as the R.R. Co.s and the Land Agencies have; private parties will generally sell at a sacrifice. I know of several farms for sale at very reasonable figures; and I think I know what sort of location is best in this vicinity, and could pick out a farm. Good night.

Tues. eve. May 15th: I take my cue from Kansas prices, and ways: other places I know nothing about at present, and as time passes, and new things present themselves to view, I may change my mind: but here are my plans and views as they are now on this subject. it is only talk after all, and if nothing comes of them, there is no harm done. The Squaw Brook Farm we all know is a pretty place, healthy location, has good buildings, well watered, good place for fruit, in easy access to some of our large cities, and is in a good neighborhood. About the only thing that will pay on that farm, I think, is fruit or milk; but it all needs capital to commence with, and that is not to be had just now. Taking all things into consideration, it would be better to sell the whole or part of it, and start afresh, "unencumbered"; I only repeat the conclusion that we have come to before, preparatory to telling my plan of action. If you should sell a part of it, I would propose to pay off what we owe first, and then, (if there was enough left over,)(and if you could trust to our judgement) for Edgar and I to take it, 11
pick out a farm (improved out here in a good location suitable for stock (hogs & cattle), and a small good house, such as this old one, but it would be plenty big enough for us; hire a housekeeper, or else "back" it (which would be rather troublesome, but we could do it, I know; it's being done within a mile of here, and they are geting along first rate, & making money, not very fast, but surely; buy the necessary tools, and stock, get things well started, and in the meantime, you in Jersey would not farm much, but just keep things in repair, raise enough vegetables and potatoes for the house, hay & stalks for one or two horses, & one or two cows, and then, if you liked, let, or sell the other portion of the farm, and all come out to the new farm, where things will be in readiness to receive you, and not quite so"rough" to come to; and if, after a while, it would prove lonely to you and Mamma, you could go back East again: 1,2
a year would suffice for us to start things here. Now for the expense: first, a farm would cost from $2000. to $2500. deeded, or, if contracted for, no money except for the improvements at first, and, I think, only interest and taxes for the first two years; tools and horses would cost about $600. and about $200. worth of hogs & cattle would be plenty to begin on, beside our living.

If you should sell the whole farm, the case would be very different; you would all come out together, all select the farm, & all rough it; but the expense of the farm, tools, & stock would be the same. I think we ought to join our forces, and start anew, in the west, where man's labor is substituted by horses labor, and where a common hand plow will run a quarter of a

mile, plowing a strait furrow, without any one touching it; I did it myself; it would have run further had it not been that that was the end of the furrow; Good night.

Wed. May 16th:" (the last page of John's letter has been lost)

During the summer of 1877, John drew a map of Durham Farm and sent it to his father. A reduced copy is included with the history of Sarah Frances Cleland, 10,5-2( ),4(5), as well as on the following two pages. 1 16

The next letter we have from John was written from Durham Farm to his father on 18 September 1877. It does appear that JOHN JACOB MESSERVE was considering seriously a possible move from Squaw Brook to Kansas. In the history of John's father, we have recorded the letter dated 10 February 1877 from the real estate company, Thomas & Wilson, of Parsons, KS, and John refers to the company in this letter: 1

"Today, Uncle James, Charley, Harry & I, have been to the Public Auction of the tools, stock, household goods etc. of Mr. J. Bottorff's who is getting ready to go to Washington Territory, to go into more extensive stock raising, as he says. I think that he will wish himself back again before long: he has sold his farm to a Mr. Harford who expects to take posession on the 1st of Oct." 15 18,17

According to John's map, the Bottorff farm is adjacent to Durham Farm on the west.

"We finished "puting up hay" as they call it, about the 30th of Aug.: have 5 long stacks or "ricks", altogether, equal to about 20 tons. The prairie sod that we broke in June, we have plowed up again, and soon it will be sown in wheat; (No. 1, & 3 on the map).

The old house has been moved from its old place, to a place back of the other buildings, to be used as a workshop & tool house: I have been building a wing to it, on the west side for a horse stable, and have it nearly finished; and when that is finished, will build another on the east side, for a colt stable, and a place to put away plows, mower, harrow, planter, etc..

The selling of the Squaw Brook Farm does not seem easy to do, but still you are trying: some times I think that you had better keep the old place, that the "West" is no better than the "East"; and then I think just the other way; that is - sell the Farm, fill a whole car (there is no reshipping then; and tools and other useful things that would bring nothing at Auction there, can be used just as well here as there), start Westward: now the question is, Where! I stand and look over these prairies, with Girard just "over there" as it were, and think of all I've heard and read of the different parts of Kansas, and the "West"; then think, this is a good sample of the country, Girard is the County seat, another R.R. is in prospect, running East & West through Girard; the soil is productive; land is not very dear; I know the people, and their ways and customs; fuel is cheap; (coal bro't to your house for 7 to 10 cts. a Bu., or mine it yourself for 1 cent a Bu.; Charley & I went to the Coal bank the other day, and dug in a place where the earth had been 18

taken of(f) to the depth of 1 foot and a half, leaving 15 inches of loose slate; which we dug off; the coal owner "lifted" the coal, with a pick, we put 25 Bu. on the wagon; he charged us 2¼ cents a Bu. for it, as we had done only about half the "striping" as they call it: it is worth 3½ tp 4 cents a Bu. at the coal bank all ready to put on the wagon.) being acquainted with the ways, usages etc here, would not be so apt to get "taken in", in purchasing land, stock, tools etc., then, why not settle here? I don't know: but it will all come out right.

Now we return to his "anniversary" letter to his mother dated 9 November 1877. John mentions "work" at New Pittsburgh, KS, but doesn't explain anything about what he was doing: 2

"I have told you about; our visit at Mr. Moran's, and our arrival in Girard. This last year has been quite an eventful one, sometimes it seems short, and sometimes long: we lived in Girard a month on arriving; then moved out here to the farm, where hosts of changes have taken place, mostly with regard to buildings: last summer I tripped off to Atchison, and a few weeks ago, I went to work down at New Pittsburgh, where I was, about three weeks; and now I am back here at Durham Farm.

I finished what I had to do at New Pittsburgh, last week, as I thought, came to Girard Saturday evening, stopped to hear Governer Anthony of Kansas speak; then came out here to the farm. Sunday, we went to Sunday School as usual."

We learn the Morans were visiting at Durham Farm a few days after they left to return to Civer, IL:

"I expected to go gunning with Mr. Moran on Monday 5th, but they had made arrangements to start for Illinois that day, so I gave it up: accordingly, we hitched to the farm wagon, put in their baggage, and beside Mr. and Mrs. Moran, Uncle James, Aunt 15
Fanny and I, went to the depot: we did not like to see them go 16
one "bit".

In one of the cars of the train that they went in (the 10.22 A.M.), was about fifteen Indian Chiefs from Indian Territory, on their way to Washington, D.C., to see the Great Father (the President): while the train stood at the depot, a number of people passed through the car to see them, and among them were Uncle James, Aunt Fanny, and I. Each chief had on a bright red flannel shirt; what the pants were I do not know; and each had a heavy shawl, or blanket wrapped around him, as a white man would wear an overcoat. Yesterday we received a postal card from Cousin Augusta, from Jacksonville, Ill., saying, that 19
"when they got in Illinois, they found that it had snowed a little, and the ground was frozen hard enough to bear up a team:" also, that "at La Cygne, Kan. where they stopped for dinner, they ate with the Indians, and one sat at the right of Mrs. M. at the table: she said they were a hard looking set, and so they are: tall, stalwart, and very hard looking faces.

Last Monday, the day that Mr. & Mrs. M. went away, the well blaster, Mr. Northam, came, and worked in the well, with Charley; but he said, "he would like to have me take the job from him, as he was so very busy at home, that he could not attend to it; and also, that perhaps he would have to give up the other wells that he expected to blast, on account of his work at 18

home", so, you see, that threw me out of the job that I expected to have this winter: he is one of those who were going "west" by wagon this winter, and the other day, he told me that they were not going; so again I am thrown out, and do not expect to try and see Albert Messerve' this winter, as I thought of doing, 6
when the chance was offered me; of traveling with these folks without charge.

When we came home that day, we made the necessary arrangements, and I took charge of the well: the next day, Tues., I worked in it, but since then Charley has not been well and the weather has been stormy, so I have not been at work untill today: we have made out very well so far. Mr & Mrs. Moran seemed to be very well pleased with their visit here, and Mr. M. said that he "thought that this farm was about the best one he had seen in this part of the country:" he likes the lay of the land.

Now it appears that father, JOHN, has been negotiating with son, 1
John, to return East. From back in Civer, IL, John, in his letter of 28 March 1878 to his father, brings up to date with his plans for the future:

"I received your letter of the 21st inst. in the fore part of this week, and have given your suggestions a good deal of thought. I will tell you my prospects; and also my views on this subject, and then you may judge for yourself.

As to whether I should like to take your position or not, or something else of the same sort near New York; I say, I would like to, very much, for that is just what I've been looking for during the past year or so, but it seems to me that it would not be advisable for us to make the change just now. While I was in Kansas, I was continually looking for some writing to do, and if there had been an opening, I am pretty sure that I could have got it, for I was acquainted with nearly all of the prominent business men in Girard. Farming did not pay very largely, and I came to the conclusion that I could not save much money there, so when Mr. Moran came, I asked him what were the prospects in Illinois for wages: (I wanted to get acquainted with the country, and their mode of working too): he told me that I could do better here (Ill), & that Mr. Joe Wysong would need some one and perhaps would hire me etc. etc. Well, I came here. Joe said he wanted me, so I engaged to work 9 months, for $18. a mo. with board, washing etc. Joe W. is a real nice man to work for, the work is done systematically, the home is very pleasant; I can save a great deal more than I could in Kansas, and have much more time to study Book-keeping, or anything else in, I thought, then that by next fall or winter, I would be better qualified to take a Book-keepers position, beside having a little money in hand, and if I did not get any writing to do, would by next spring go to Kansas and take up some Government land, 160 acres, under the Homestead Act which would cost about $15. or $16. to get a "claim" on it, then pay taxes, and improve it for 5 years, when it would be mine. I suppose you speak of this now, so that if the change could be made, you could commence work on the farm as soon as possible: I think you would find it harder than what you are doing now. If Edgar 11

was left alone on the farm, he might manage to get through just this one season, with JULIA to do the driving to the depot: you 12
can't expect the farm to pay very well anyhow, and if you can "stick it out" at 32 6 St. during the mild season, I might take hold when the winter comes on: I will, no doubt, be better qualified then, and make sure of the money from the work that I already have, and you, from your work. Looking at it in this way, it seems better that we should wait a while before making the change. I fully appreciate your concern for me, in wishing me to get into some "growing" position, and I do wish that you could quit work altogether."

We learn from Fanny Cleland's letter of 18 August 1878 from Gir- 16
ard, KS, to her sister, JULIA CLELAND, that John was working on 2
the farm for Joe Wysong but is leaving, presumably to work as a book-keeper:

"No doubt you hear oftener and more particulars about Johny than we do, it is some weeks since Charlie had a letter from 18
him and Charlie is rather a slow correspondent, Johny has too many letters to write to do any more than answer when he is written to. When we heard, he had not been long enough in his new position to know how he should like it, but no doubt he has given you all the particulars before now. Last week I had a letter from Cousin Augusta they are all well, she says Johny 19
had spoken to Jo. Wysong about the change and he was very willing he should go if he could do better and she thinks he (Johny) does not like farming as well as he does book-keeping, Frank was at home so he could take Johny's place they are all through harvesting now, and their father has given them the threshing machine to make what they can with it so the three boys Ernest Jo. and Frank work it between them ----"

In March 1879, John was joined by his brother, Edgar, in Milan, 11
MO. Edgar described their reunion in his letter to their father 1
dated 16 March 1879:

"---- I had nearly three hours to wait and do anything I wanted to do till the train started for Milan where I arrived at 5.35 P.M.

Instead of having any truble in recognizing each other as Johnny feared, he came in the train when it stoped and as soon as he seen me said well how is Ed fine, how is Jack, fine thats all right shake ———————— hands then we went up to the store and he showed me around a little and chined me agreat deal about every thing immaginable and every thing else I guess ---- Sat morn we got up went to breakfast (I slept with Johnny in the store where he has a bed) and then we went to work or that is he went to work, and I looked at the rest (they have four clerks here in the atore) work around the store wait on customers etc.

Milan is pronounced Milen the accent on the first sylable."

It is obvious Edgar doesn't have his brother's skill in spelling. 11
Milan is located about 30 miles south of the Iowa State line in Sullivan County and about at the center of this border area of Missouri.

We learn from Georgie C. Howells, writing from Flushing, Long Island, NY, on 21 March 1879, to JULIA CLELAND that John has a new position but she does not say what it is: 22 2

"I am pleased to hear that Johnnie has such a good position and that he has found one for his Brother. How delightful it must be for these Brothers to be working side by side."

It is not known whether John went immediately to this job after leaving Joe Wysong's farm. We do not hear directly from John until 5 December 1879, when he wrote from Milan to his mother. His letter was written on the letter-head below: 2

MILAN BRANCH

L. KETCHAM & BRO.

DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

Railroad Ties & Native Lumber,

At Milan, Cora and Boynton, Missouri.

Milan, Mo Dec. 5th 1879.

Dear Mother,

"I send you enclosed, a P.O. Money order for Ten dollars ($10.00) I am very busy now, and shall be untill after the Holidays, and probably till the last of January. ---- Ed was up to see me Yesterday - 3rd - my birthday - and says he will come up and spend next Sunday, 7th, with me. ----" 11

Two letters were written to JULIA CLELAND in April 1880; one from Cleland Messerve' dated 3 April from Cora, MO, and the other from John dated 7 April from Milan, MO. The major news from these letters is the story of John's first return home to Squaw Brook for a visit since his departure for the West about three years earlier, and that his youngest brother, Cleland, accompanied John on the trip back to northern Missouri. We learn, also, that their brother, Edgar, is working for L. Ketcham & Bro.'s in the store in Cora, MO, and that John's position with the Company is that of the bookkeeper. It is interesting to read the accounts of the journey west from the separate pens of John and Cleland so we shall alternate between their two letters as each event is related: 2 13 13 11 13

John;

"I am going to steal a few minutes today and write something to you, though I am very busy, and have to make good use of every

moment, on my books, still I know that you are anxious to hear how we got out here, and what Cle is doing etc Cle told me that he wrote to you, and told you something of our visits and arrival; but I will sketch it over. There was very little to break the monotony of the travel until we got to Chicago: the time was spent pleasantly, and we were not very tired when we got there; We talked and slept, and viewed the country o'er. Many things were strange to Cle so I explained them as well as I could. I dropped you a card from Chicago, and left there at 10.30 Sat. morn 27th ult. on the Chicago & Rock Island Ry — arrived in Peoria at 6 P.M. - had a good wash and supper at the Hotel —

Cle:

I arrived in Mo. safely after a very interesting trip and also a very pleasant one. We got to Peoria Sat. eve. about six o' clock and found that all the passenger trains had gone, but there was a "freight" going a(t) 7.30 o'clock so we went to the depot to wait for that, but we waited, and waited, until 10.00 o'clock when the train started and arrived in Canton (IL) at 1.30 A.M. Sunday morning, it was to late then of course to go to anybodys house so we were obliged to put up at a Hotel till after breakfast, then we went through the city which appeared to be quite a large city, much larger than I thought.

John:

took the 7.30 P.M. freight train for Canton on the Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw Ry., but did not leave Peoria until 10. P.M. on a/c of the rain damaging the track and letting two trains run off, — or probably it was a few cars (freight) of each train jumped the track, — and we had to wait until they were lifted on, and got out of our way. We reached Canton about 1 A.M. Sunday, "put up" at the Depot Hotel; in the morning had a good wash, shave and breakfast, then went to Mr. Stearns', and they were glad to see us, but had expected us on Sat. afternoon; as there was no service at the New Ch. that morning Mr S., Miss Eva, Cle, and I attended the Baptist Ch. At dinner, a couple of Miss Eva's friends (ladies) had been invited in, and after partaking pretty freely of the good dinner, we all took a walk, visited Mr. Stout's folks, and a family of young ladies by name Bartels, who are quite intimate with Eva In the evening as there was no service and the Temperance Lecture hall was so crowded by the time we got there, we walked about for a while, and spent the rest of the evening at Mr. Bartels.

They had prepared a room for Cle and me at Mr. Stearns', and we slept well that night you may be sure. As early Monday morning as we could get off, we walked out to Mr. Moran's, found them all well at present, though Cousin Augusta had been real sick 19
the week before. We looked the house over, had a good dinner, and then looked about the barns, stock, etc., until about 4 o' clock, when they hitched up a team and drove us to Canton;

Cle:

Well we stayed at 'Squire Stearns Sunday & Monday, and left for Burlington (IA) Tuesday morn. Monday we went up to Civer to see the Morans and stayed there from 10.30 A.M. to 3.30 P.M. we then went down to Canton again where we stayed till Tues. morn.

John:

We would not have needed to return to Canton if we had had our trunks at Civer, but they we(re) not, and the Canton folks expected us to be in town in time for, an entertainment "Court of Babylon" at the "Hall". We took supper at Mr Stout's, had a pleasant time, made the acquaintance of several of the Canton people. The next morning Miss Eva and Cle and I made a few calls ---- and then went to the depot, accompanied by Miss Eva and two of the Misses Bartels, the train being an hour late we made good use of the time by having some music at the Hotel there. At 11.15 A.M. we started for Burlington, Ia. As we passed Civer we "waved" and Cousin A. waved in answer from the side porch. Arrived in Burl. a little after 2 P.M. had to wait until 6.20 for train going west to Mt. P. (Mount Pleasant, IA) 19

Cle:

When we got to Bur. we had to wait from 2.00 P.M. till 6.20 P.M. when we started for Mt. Pleasant arriving there at 7.30 P.M., it was of course out of the question to start at 5.25 the next morning, (though that was the day we expected to go to Milan) so we had to wait till Thurs. morn. instead, though it wasn't a very unpleasant wait for we had an excellent time,

John:

met on the train at New London, 6 miles east of Mt. P. Cousin Davis T. — arrived in Mt. P. about 8 o'clock Tuesday eve. We did intend to start for Milan the next morning but concluded to wait until Thursday morn. 23

Though our visit was very short, it was pleasant, they are all well; Cle felt quite at home, and we were all sorry that we could not stay longer.

We left the house at 5 A.M. for the 5.25 train arriving in Burlington in good season for the train on the R.R. (Burlington and South Western)

Cle:

well Thurs. morn. 5.25 we started for Milan arriving there at 4.00 o'clock P.M after a very tedius journey the most tedius and tiresome one of the whole trip though it was only eleven hours but at any rate we got there"

Milan is less than 150 miles southwest of Burlington so we can understand that the eleven hour trip was, indeed, tedious:

"where I stayed till Fri. afternoon when I left for Cora, arriving in a very jubilant mood, and it didn't take me long to go from the depot to Ketchams store to see Ed. (who by-the-way had a letter from Papa saying that (I) was going "West" with Johnnie) and when we did meet I tell you it was a happy time for both and was well worth my trip. ---- 11 1

John:

When we arrived at Milan depot, we found Misses Hattie Ketcham, Clara Crumpacker, and Mrs J. Roth and Messrs. A. Hatfield and Joe Stout, who had come down to meet us, and welcome us/me home. ---- After making a little stop at Mr. Ketcham's house, and leaving the ladies there, we made a call on Mrs. W.H. Trites,

and made our way to the Store. Mr. Trites was glad to have me back, though he had had a man to do my work, and had the books written up pretty well: but there was a lot of extra work that had been left for me to attend to. I commenced work on Friday morning, and I felt almost as if I had not been away at all. ---- Cle went down to Cora on Friday afternoon to see Ed. and I 11
expect they had a big talk. On Sunday morning I took a hand-car and with the aid of another young man went to Cora for Ed. and Cle. got back to Milan, about 12 M. had dinner at the "Crumpacker House", and in the afternoon made several calls with the rest of the Ketcham Clerks — viz: Messrs Stout, Hatfield & Combs. We called on Mr. Mellors family - the place where I boarded soon after I came here, and where I was when Ed came out. — and Mr. Trites, and also Mr. Ketcham. ---- My friends were very much pleased with the little things that I brought them both for the things themselves, and for thinking of them. I divided some of them up more, so that I would have something to give to some whom I had not thought of.

Miss H. Ketcham was delighted with the little broom; the holder is a new thing. Mrs Trites thought the little shells very pretty, and has put them in her fernery. I gave her a couple of the Madiera Vine Roots too. I gave some shells and morning glory seeds to Miss Crumpacker and she has the shells on her parlor table. To Mrs. Roth I gave some shells, and when I gave them to her I told her about putting them in water: she went up to her home in Unionville on Monday, will be back the last of this week: I staid with Mr Roth Monday and Tuesday nights and expect to sleep with him until Mrs R. returns: Monday night when I went in, nearly the first thing I saw was the little shells, in a glass dish, covered with water, and while I was looking at them Mr. Roth said, "Mrs R. wouldn't take a farm for them". I gave Mrs Mellor a couple of the M. Vine roots. Sent to Miss Haynes a couple of stones that I picked up in Central Park, some of the shells, and a M. vine root. Mr Ketcham thought the "cigar ash holder, - the two oyster shells fastened together, - very nice, and the loose oyster shells he ornamented his parlor table with, and seemed quite pleased with the attention.

Our eatables lasted until we got to Canton, Ill. and everything tasted real good. Mrs Leonhard and Henry L. each, gave us a lot of oranges, they were very nice; too many for just two of us, but we left a few at Canton and Mt Pleasant, and brought some to Ed. 11

Ed has just come up to see us so I will close for this time ---"

It is likely that the Unionville John referred to in his previous letter just above is in Missouri about 22 miles north of Milan although there is another Unionville nearby in southern Iowa. John's next letter from Milan on 4 July 1880 to his mother in Squaw Brook 2
suddenly makes that town important to us. We first met Miss Haynes very casually in John's letter of 7 April above:

"After I finish this letter to you, I am going to write to my girl up in Unionville: and now I am going to tell you a secret, and hope that you will not tell any of the "neighbors", and only such of "our folks" - relatives - in N.Y. etc. as you think proper. I introduce to you here Miss Mattie L. Haynes of Union-

ville as the expected wife of your son John. Can you remember her picture? It is the one that Uncle William thought was so "fine" looking. Soon after I first met her, I half believed that she was to be the one. Not only did I hear her picture spoken highly of in the East, but those who know her in this vicinity give her a very good name. She has been the teacher of the Grammar department of the Public School in Unionville for some time past; has gained a very good reputation in that respect; is a teacher of one of the classes in the Presbyterian Church S.S.; and by these means, she has been made quite prominent: for all that, it has not made her vain, for she has too much good sense for that. In fact, she is one of the most sensible young ladies that I ever met. Perhaps you think that she is proud, not a bit of it. Her character is a substantial one: her principles of right firm and true. She is industrious too. As soon as her School term was over - it lasts from Sept. 1st to last of April - she went to work with her needle and Sewing machine; either for her mother, or some of her friends, so that she might earn something more for the help of her folks: they are dependent upon her's and her father's efforts for support, not to say however, that they are poverty-stricken. The family consists of Mr. & Mrs. Haynes, Mattie, 20½, Cora, about 17, Dela the only boy, about 15, and Myrtle about 9. They are a quiet, peacable family and have made it very pleasant for me at their house during my visits there, which have been every two weeks during the last two months. ---- 4

As I have considerable to do in the office, I cannot go up except on Sundays, or rather Saturday night 11 o'clock, stop at the hotel there until Church time Sun. morn and after making my visit, return on Sunday night train. Spent last Sunday there, and expect to spend next Sunday there again. It is just three weeks since the question was decided, after a consideration, by both, of a few weeks. Though our acquaintance has been short I think that we are sufficiently acquainted, and think enough of each other to marry. We have corresponded regularly, and I have been with her considerably since I returned from the "East". As our future arrangements develope I will tell you about them. We may not marry until her School is "out", next May; and it may be sooner. Of course I want to get a little cash together and by having a room such as this I can gather a few things together.

There will be no Grand Wedding any how - just a quiet time at her house, and probably a little trip up to Mt. Pleasant and back. That is all talk though now, but do not want to do any thing that will be very expensive. Yes, she knows the worth of money.----

Miss Mattie is not an "angel" but she is a very nice young lady, and I think a great deal of her. ----

I am not boarding at the "Crumpacker House" now. Joe Stout and Albert Hatfield clerks in our store, and I have fitted up a room, and take our meals at a Restaurant. On the first of this month we made the change, more for the change than for any thing else. Our room is in the Bank building right off the Street on the west side: have two nicely fitted up beds, nice walnut wash stand two walnut chairs and a rocking chair, and a few other little things: it looks real pleasant, and is comfortable, well ventilated. I am here in the room now, Cle is dozing on my bed,

Mr Stout has gone out for a ride with his girl, and Mr. Hatfield has gone up to Mt Pleasant to see his girl. Cle and I went to S.S. this morning ----" 13

John had received a letter from JULIA CLELAND which he refers to in his answer from Milan on 25 August 1880: 2

"---- I delivered your "message" to Miss Mattie: she returns many thanks, and her best wishes, to you and Maggie for your kind words and congratulations, and hopes that it will not be very long before we can make a trip to Jersey to see you all: ---- I am glad that this step that I have taken meets with your approval ---- and feel that she is one whom you will not be ashamed of, ---- but proud of: and you may well be! For she is a fine girl! Such a sound character; firm and true; no affectation, but a great deal of good "common sense": and whenever I am at their house, takes pains to make me feel at home, and makes my visit very pleasant. Now, as to when we are to be married! Perhaps you think we folks "Out West" rush matters a little too much - but things are done quite differently here from the way they are in the "East". There is no need of any great show of "fuss" about getting married. As long as we have enough to furnish a Small house of three rooms, all told; and have a moderate supply of clothing, and enough money on hand to buy a week's provender, with a good situation under the pen, we think that is sufficient; and ---- we will have that by the first of May next. On the Sixth of Sept. Miss Mattie commences her 8 months school, and will finish by the first of May, during which time she will be getting her things ready, & I will be ready too. If everything moves along smoothly we will probably be married some time in May, and take a trip to Mt. Pleasant for a few days, and then return to Milan, where I hope to have a house (rented) in readiness for us. 7

Aug. 26/80 If I still satisfy this firm with my work I will stay with them for I have a good position. I feel confident that they are satisfied with me - for my salery was increased on the lst of July to $50.00 pr. mo.: and now they are making arrangements to close the Stores here at this "Milan Branch" by the last of the year, as the timber is disappearing pretty rapidly under their axe: though they will have enough timber to keep them busy for a year or more at this place - Two days ago they notified the landlord of the Milan store room that they would vacate it by Dec. lst at the same time came to me, requesting that I should "not make arrangements for a new position some where ----"So you see I am alright for a year in this place and if I keep up to my work, when we close altogether, here, I shall probably be provided for. I am perfectly contented in that respect. The Cora Store where Ed was with L. K. & Bro's., has been closed, and the Goods shipped to this Store. Where would Ed. be now if he had staid! Ed was over here Saturday night: 11

I meant to say before that Miss Mattie is now visiting at Ft. Madison on the Miss. River about 20 miles this side of Burlington on the B. & S. W. Ry.: she has been gone ten days, and will probably return by the middle of next week, Sept lst. Received a letter from her today: she is having a fine time - has been sailing on the River, attended a large picnic, and is having a

good time generally:"

In his next letter on 20 October 1880 from Milan to his mother, John writes some details of his book-keeping work of little interest to us but he does relate some news worth recording: 2

"This has been a "big day" in Milan - not on account of our Payday - but on account of a "Republican Rally": The Republican candidate for Governor Col. P. Dyer, and several other prominent men were here to speak to the people and the town was crowded, persons coming from every part of the County; two Brass Bands were in attendance, and they kept up a continual "stream" of music.----

You remember the "Medaria" vine roots I bro't out! I gave one to Mattie and she planted a part of it by her window and the rest near the door in a can. The one by the window has completely covered the window and the other she took in the house after it got well started, stood it in the corner and trained it up to a shelf: it looks real pretty.

I will have to beg off now and answer your letter another time - I sent it over for Ed to read - just got it back." 11

In John's letter of 7 April 1880 to his mother, he mentioned taking a "hand car" from Milan to Cora. In this letter of 16 December 1880, also from Milan to his mother, he gives us an interesting description of the vehicle along with some other news: 2 2

"---- We are very busy now in the office: getting ready to close the books for /80, and open anew for /81. ---- I went down to Cora on Tuesday night to see Ed (he is well) with the velocipede car - I don't suppose you ever saw one - Two wheels on one track with a seat right over - between them - and a guide wheel on a light axle stretching over to the other track just to balance the car and keep the two main wheels on the track: part of the way I went at the rate of 12 miles an hour made the trip in less than 45 minutes - 6¼ miles - left here soon after supper and arrived here again at 12 o'clock: the moon was shining brightly, and it was a pleasant ride, through the woods, and fields, over and through bridges, and sometimes down a grade flying as fast as a horse can run and that with one's own power. The power is a lever, in front of you as you sit on the seat, worked by the hands to & fro - has a couple of bars cross-wise on it, to hold to: in addition, there are two iron foot pieces - one on each side of the front wheel, which work forward and back - as it goes from you, you push with your feet at the same time pull back with the hands, and it has a double force. The Co. used to have a small hand car - pumping motion - but dispensed with it, for this one as it was so much handier and easier worked: As the timber lies all along the track for 20 or 30 miles and ties etc. are being piled up near the track; something of this sort is needed in looking after it by Mr. Ketcham: it is for his use. ---- suppose I tell you a little about Mattie. She is about an inch shorter tan I am I think; and has an even erect figure - weighs about 120 lb's. I think she said: her hair is dark - some would call it black; her eyes dark - not <u>black</u>; her teeth white, even, and very pretty. She does not play <u>any</u> instrument: but has never had the time to spare, or money either, to learn music: her chief ambition has been to 11

get a good, plain education, and fit herself for a teacher so that she could earn something. She dances splendidly, comes kind o' natural to her.

She bought a sewing machine for herself last summer to be paid for by installments, and in her last letter she said she had just finished paying for it, and seemed quite happy over it -- --"

Our first letter of 1881 from John, writing from Milan to his mother, is dated 13 April 1881: 2

"---- I haven't taken possession of my house yet. The family promised to be out of it some time this week. Mattie will have the carpet for the bed-room & kitchen finished & sent down tomorrow I guess. Spent Sunday (10th) at Unionville: we have decided upon the 26th inst. as the day of the wedding: can give you a program next week. You can do as you like about telling the "neighbors". I am going to write a little note of invitation to each of the "Aunts" - your sisters, and Uncle Henry; so you will not feel obliged to let them know: ---- If I knew Aunt AMANDA's address I would send her one, but I don't so will have 24
to get you or Papa to write them. You understand, that all the 2,1
friends & relations have a cordial invitation to the wedding and also to "our" house when we get to house keeping. I bought a carpet on Monday (11th) for the front room: will have it made here. We could not get the dishes we wanted in Chicago, & have sent to St. Louis for them. ----"

We have no news from the young couple until we hear that Edgar, in 11
his letter from Mendota, MO, dated 29 June 1881 to his mother, is 2
inviting John and Mattie to his own wedding on 5 July 1881:

"We will be married next Tuesday July 5th and come to Mendota next morning, 6th, will have quiet wedding, at her Brother's, her folks & John & Mattie, being the only invited guests,"

The first letter we have in Mattie's hand was written from Milan, on 18 July 1881 to JULIA CLELAND:

"Dear Mamma:

It won't sound very well to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Feb 2n because the contrast between that date and this is too marked. but your letter was very welcome. and I am glad to know that you were favorably impressed with my picture: but I must say right here that although it is a little old style having been taken two yr's ago. I am quite certain it flatters me not a little, as I am not so full in the face as at that time. Since I have been in Milan my friends tell me I am improving all the time. When we were married I was looking miserable. I had had a full school all winter, and the examination and closing exercises, with my serving and arrangements for getting married proved too much for me and told on my face. I am feeling splendidly now and Johnnie says in a few months I will look like other folks.

We are having very hot weather. I do not attempt to do any

thing but my housework sewing will have to go undone until cooler weather. Luckily I have not much to do, and nothing that is need at present. ----"

Mattie writes on about Allie's wedding dress. (Allie is brother, Edgar Messerve's bride) We return to her letter where she refers again to their own affairs: 25 11

"I think she will make a good wife and I know she will make a great deal better housekeeper and cook than I do. but I am trying to hurry up about my work so that when she visits us again that I will have things nearer like she has them.

My mother is here visiting us, came on 11th and expects to remain until 22nd inst. I think she is enjoying her visit very much. she is up-stairs taking a "nap" just now. we washed this morning and both feel tired.

How pleasant it would be for you to spend a few weeks with us. I wish you lived near enough so that we could visit once a yr. if not more.

Traveling is so expensive that it is not likely we will be able to visit you soon but we talk of it often as if we expected to start any time.

I know you would enjoy a peep in our little house. Johnnie does a great deal of the planninge He seems to know just where something look "just lovely" O he is so good! He may have been a good son. but he is the best of husbands.

I think we are as happy as people can be. ----"

A week earlier, on 12 July 1881, Edgar wrote to his mother from Mendota in reference to his wedding:

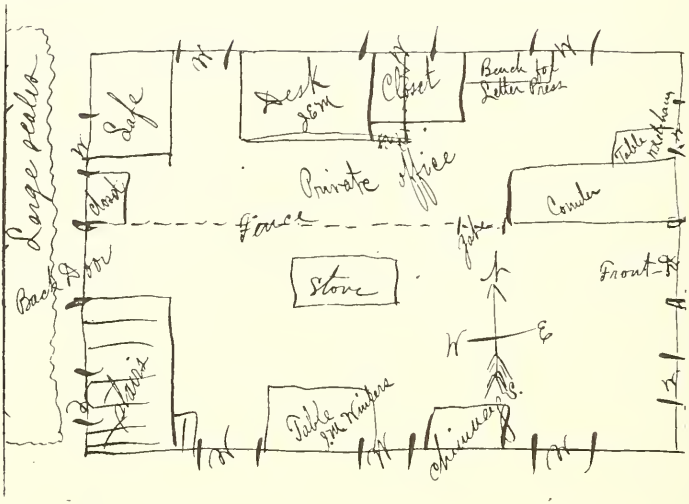
"Every thing went off nicely, we went to Johnnie's to stay Tuesday night, and came to Mendota Wed. morning. ---- We expected to have John & Mattie come up with us, but John couldn't get away."

Our next letter from John, written from Milan on 8 September 1881, to his mother, reveals that the two young couples are able to see each other frequently. Mendota, MO, is about 6 miles northeast of Unionville very close to the Iowa border:

"---- Ed did not come down last Sat. as we expected but Allie came on Friday afternoon & Ed expected to come Sat. night but they were too busy to let him off: ---- They are both coming down on the 17th inst. I guess. Allie went home Mon. morn. Mattie went up home Tuesday morn. & came back Wed. afternoon.

I had a sink made this week - size 2½ ft. x 14 inches - of galvanized iron - a great deal heavier than tin; made a board frame - set it in & bent the upper edge over the edge of the board to support it, put it up in the South west corner of the Kitchen, spout stuck through the wainscoating & weather boarding on the west side: it works nicely. Today I have been re-arranging the office fence in the office. I promised you a diagram of the office, didn't I? and now I forget whether I made one or not; well I will make one right now & send it with this

letter. Wait a minute or six until I get it done.



After all that scratching I guess it is time to quit. The R.R. runs on the East side about Fifteen feet from the door."

We do not hear of or from John and Mattie for nearly a year and that letter by John written from Milan on 5 July 1882 to JULIA CLELAND is badly torn. Missing words guessed at are bracketed by double parentheses: 2

"The "Fourth" has ((come and)) gone; pretty cele((brated)) here; had a big picnic, ((?)), music, dancing, circular ((?)) greased pole, parade of ridiculously dressed horsemen; fire-works and ball at night. I spent the day at home: we were at the picnic grounds awhile: sister Cora came down from Un. with the baby Edwin on Monday; Logan came Tues. morn. & went home today: Cora will stay 'til last of week. So you see we had a picnic of our own at home. ((Witnessed)) the fire-works but did not ((attend)) the ball. ----"

In John's next letter to his mother written on 19 July 1882 from Milan, he mentions regrets that he will "have to move there" but doesn't say where. We may assume that he is referring to Mendota because he refers to Ed's home in the same paragraph: 2 11

"---- Ed says he has added a kitchen to his "room"; they must enjoy it, surely, for they have been cooped up so long in the one room. I am sorry we will have to move there but will make the best of it.

Mattie is well and gets along first rate with her cooking, & other duties.----"

Still from Milan, John's next letter to his mother dated 27 July 2

1882, gives us a good picture of their social life:

"I sent you on Wed. morning the 10.00: suppose you will get it by Saturday.

We went up to Unionville last Saturday,- Mattie going in the morning and I at night. When I arrived at 11.30 I found a dancing party in progress at the Staples House and joined in the whirl: got to bed by 1 A.M., On Sunday we made some visits and took dinner with Mr. & Mrs Carroll. Just as we were called to dinner Dell Haynes came in & told me that Ed, & Jesse Ketcham 11
was in town & wanted me to go out with them: they had a team & buggy. I had intended to go to Mendota on Monday tho' I could spend but a few hours. - Mattie & I went "up town" to see Ed 11
and as there was not enough room for M. to ride, and she was not prepared to go, she staid. We got to the store (M'd) about 5 o'clock; visited until almost 12 o'clock, and was up by 5 next morning, left there 11.30 A.M. stopped at the Coal Store to see Bert Hatfield a little while - left on 12.30 Pas. train Mattie got on at Un. & both came home together.

Fri. morn. 28th My visit was very gratifying to me and I had a real nice time. I am not enamored with the place however.

On Tuesday afternoon Miss Mollie Eareckson came down from Un. to see us: is spending a couple of days with Mrs Roth - will be back here this eve. and will stay with us until Monday next - when she is going home. ----"

Another letter to JULIA from John on 11 August 1882, follows: 2

"---- Mattie & I trudge along very much in the old way. ---- we have 11 quart jars of cherries & 7 quart jars of blackberries "canned" now, and expect to make some jam or whatever else the market affords - the cherries cost 18¢ about, per jar and the blackberries 10¢ or 12¢ each without cost of jars. The cost is considerable but the fruit is 50% better than "store fruit", in winter time. I am glad you got the hay all in and that it turned out better than last year. The hay crop through the West is just immense: beef will be low, & pork dear this winter: wheat first-rate but corn poor.----"

John and Mattie are still in Milan when he wrote his letter of 17 August 1882 to his mother: 2

"I am a "bach" once more for a season: Mattie went down to Linneus, Linn Co., 25 miles south of Milan, to visit with our next door neighbor Mrs. Bradley, several persons who have visited Milan this summer: Linneus is the Bradleys former home. They went Tuesday afternoon 2,20 train, and will return by Sat. morn'g train: today I took dinner with Mr Mellor & family; otherwise have looked after my own affairs. I am getting along very well considering. ----

Did I tell you that Mr. Haynes went away "out West" in Col. or Neb.? He was out there for some time but it is thought that he has come back and is in Bloomfield, Ia, about 50 miles from Un. and for all I know he is in Un. now. If he does return I hope he will not trouble Mrs Haynes; but it is likely he will in ev-

ery conceivable way. ----"

John writes his letter to his mother dated 31 August 1882 from a new letterhead of L. Ketcham & Bro.'s: 2

"---- We are having - yesterday & today - cloudy and cool weather: had a fire last evening in our heating stove it was so cool: Yesterday the S.S's of the County had a picnic here in the grove near our house. I could not attend; was too busy: next Wednesday 6th my Lodge - A O.U.W.- expects to have a grand picnic and has invited several Lodges in neighboring towns to participate: we expect a big time. Mrs Fannie Foster nee. Brasfield visited us yesterday and went to Unionville this morning ---- Miss Effie & Etta Marshall & Miss Carrie Stille came down from Unionville today to stay with us a couple of days & then return in time to see Fannie Foster before she goes home. ----"

OFFICE OF L. KETCHAM & BRO.'S,

Manufacturers of and Dealers in

Railroad Ties AND Native Lumber.

Milan, Missouri, August 31st 1882.

In John's next letter to his mother from Milan on 5 October 1882, he does not make it clear whether he is still working for L. Ketcham & Bro.'s although this letter is written on that Company's stationery. It does appear that his brother, Edgar, is opening a grocery store in Milan and that John is taking an active part in its operation: 2 11

"---- I had the Stock of Groceries invoiced last Thurs & Friday, finished Fri. noon, and commenced selling at once. Ed has been hindered from coming and is not here yet, but I think he will certainly be here by Sat afternoon. I have to go to the store every evening this week, to let Col M.(ellor) go to supper, and have to make a few entries on the books.

Ed's furniture etc came Sat. last, and Allie came Friday: she is trying to get the house to rights but I guess the bulk of it will have to be left for Ed to do, I can't get any time to help her. ---- I rec'd a letter from Cle - he is in a store in Scotland, Bon Homme Co. Dak. Ty. waiting for his school to commence - Nov. 1st The store business is getting along pretty well and will do better when we get right down to business. Mr Smick has gone to St. Louis ---- and will be here last of week. When Ed gets here and Mr. S. gets back, Col. M. will be needed no 11,25 13

longer: Ed will manage the books, and the business in general: I will work up trade as I am doing now, and help now & then when I am needed. with the advertising, Invoicing - Ed's moving & looking after the store besides my office work I have been very busy you may be sure. We are all well and anxious to hear from you." 11

The letter of 1 November 1882 is badly torn and parts are missing Some of John's message to his mother can be reported; words which must be guessed at are bracketed by double parentheses: 2

"We had a pleasant ((surprise)) this week in receiving a bag of ((chestnuts)) from Maggie: that is something ((which is)) not a native of this place ((though I)) heard of one farmer who has ((some)) in bearing now. I have only ((seen)) two chestnut-burrs "out West" one was in Kan., I think, on a parlor table for an ornament and Col Mellor had the other about a week ago: ---- Mattie & I are ((sitting)) in the dining-room and have ((roasted)) a few chestnuts on the heating ((stove to)) see how they w'd taste: ----"

We do not hear from John or Mattie again until his letter to his mother on 17 January 1883, still from Milan: 2

"Mattie came from Unionville last Thurs. eve.: had a good long visit & enjoyed herself immensely: had sleigh-rides & parties etc etc ----

We expect to attend the Wooden Wedding - 5 years - of Dr. & Mrs Witter on Sat. 20th; nearly or quite 50 invitations have been sent out so there will be nothing lacking in numbers you see. We have a willow & rattan, work basket to take: some have clubbed together to take larger articles. We have an invitation to take a sleigh ride about half a mile out in the country and take Oysters out & have an Oyster supper & a good time generally: Guess we Cant go - I left my pocket book home on my thousand dollar piano."

About half of John's letter to his mother dated 15 February 1883, is of the weather but there are a few paragraphs worth quoting: 2

"I intended to write last night but we had company, so I could not.

---- Our business goes along nicely, but we are using every dollar we can collect.

If we had <u>our</u> way, this is what would be done! You & Papa & JULIA would come out west after exchanging the S.B. Farm for some good fruit & grain farm in a good locality out here, probably in Southern Iowa: and we move our business there too, and "live like white folks": ---- To my way of thinking, Iowa - central, eastern, & Southern - is one of the finest countries that could be, if one wants an "old settled" country where you can have every advantage most that you can think of." 2,1 12

We finally learn clearly from John, in his letter to his mother on 24 May 1883, that he is still working for Mr. Ketcham, but

from the new letterhead reproduced below, it is obvious that John is being retained in spite of the major changes in the nature of the Company he works for. Finally, too, John writes from Mendota, MO, as he first anticipated nearly a year earlier in his letter of 19 July 1882:

MINES [illegible]

[illegible] Superintendent.

THE MENDOTA COAL AND MINING CO.

MENDOTA, MO. May 24, 1883.

Dear Mamma,

"----I have made up my mind that one place is as liable as another to have cyclones, and preparations should be made to get underground or in a cellar, should one come along. We have a cellar here, and can go in the coal mine, if we have five minutes notice of a cyclone, ar severe storm.

We are getting along nicely here now: have quite a garden of vegetables, where I put in some of my spare time, hoeing. I planted beans & cucumbers yesterday, and used no manure or other fertilizer; how is that? The soil is black & no stones: no better however than soil near Milan or most any place in the Mis. valley. ---- I hope that I will be sent to Milan to pay off, this week instead of Mr. Ketcham going. I went up to Caldwell Ia. last week to pay off the miners there, and was in Unionville part of a day looking after funds: that suits me first rate to take a little trip now & then, even if I do have to hurry to get through & get back on "next train". Mr. Peterson the book-keeper here has resigned & will leave June 1st; I will take the principle part of his work and Mr. Gatch will take the balance, for the present at least. When the heavy Winter business commences there will probably be another man in the office."

Using the same letterhead, John writes again to his mother on 30 May 1883: 2

"---- Mattie went to Unionville today & will be back tomorrow: will bring some eggs & perhaps butter with her, as they are so scarce here where ther is such a demand for them, and farmers take them to Unionville or other large town where they go to get other goods. We have to send to Unionville for fresh beef too, and have rec'd from M. Bros Milan about 25.00 worth of goods already. I think Mrs Haynes will profit by being here since the board bill for May - 22 days - amts to about $100.00, and the eatables have cost much less. Ed reports our business 11

in good shape tho' trade is light at this time of year: ----

The Coal & Timber business are quiet: Mr Peterson will leave June 1st for sure, & I will take his place as expected. ----"

For his letter from Mendota of 14 June 1883 to his mother, John uses a new letterhead for Mendota Coal and Mining Co. which lists W. Ketcham as President. Except for a brief reference to Edgar, all he wrote about was the weather: 2 11

"You will read soon if you have not already, of a tornado near us; but we escaped its fury. ---- We went to bed as usual, but took a look out now and then. ---- All got up and dressed, when the edge of the storm struck us like an immense wave: Rain & wind together with such force that it seemed the windows would burst in, no shutters to protect them. It continued to pour down, but after the first shock the wind subsided some, and the danger was past. ----"

Mendota Coal and Mining Co.

W. Ketcham, President.

Mendota, Mo., June 14th 1883

Dear Mamma,

John wrote to JULIA again on 28 June 1883 but with little news: 2

"There is very little or no change in things here: we are still in the old office and may not move until after the "Fourth". The new building is nearly finished, but the plaster is not dry yet. Mattie went to Unionville yesterday and returned today, bringing Edwin Little with her: ---- he will stay a few days or a week.

I expect to have a vacation in a month or so and will use it in prospecting: Will only have a week I guess. ---"

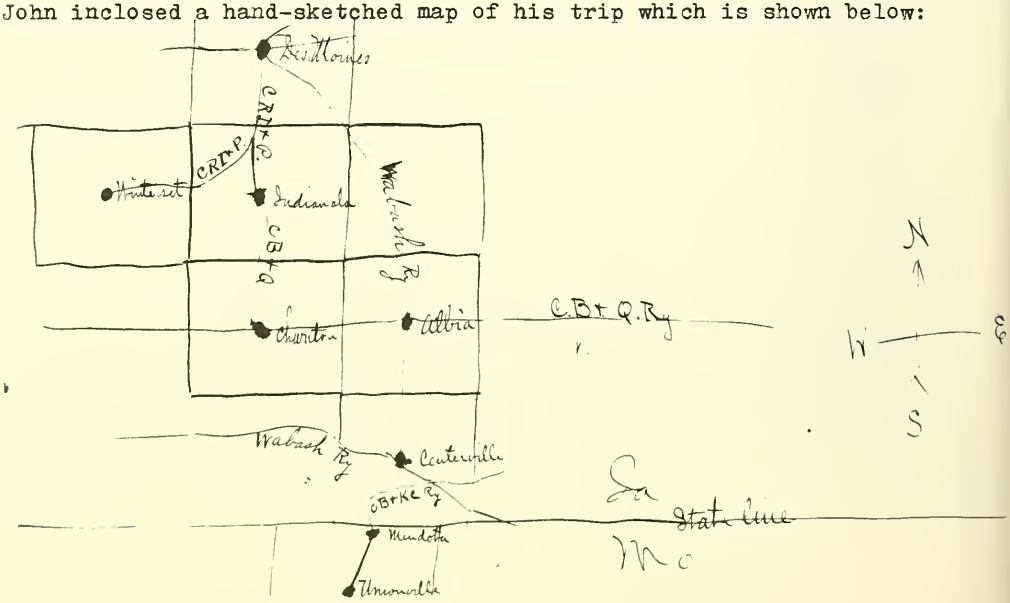
Edwin Little is the child of Cora, Mattie's younger sister. We pick up John's story of his "prospecting vacation" in his next letter to his mother which he wrote from Winterset, IA, on 11 July 1883. Winterset is a few miles southwest of Des Moines:

"As I expected, I statred on my trip Monday morning, went to Centerville, Ia, arriving about noon, "took in" the town during the afternoon & evening with Col. Eugene Haynes a one armed soldier of the late war, & a lawyer now; and left on the morning train for Albia Ia.; was there 3 hours, went to Chariton spent 5 hours there & went to Indianola arriving at 6 PM. Tues.

staid all night, left there this morning 7.40 & arrived here at 11 A.M. today. Expect to leave here Friday morning, go to Des Moines stay a few hours & do direct to Centerville stay all night & get back to Mendota Sat. noon. I have had a short stay in each town & made good use of it; wish I c'd tell you about all I saw but can't just now: you see I have portioned off more time for Winterset than I did for the other places; that is because I like it best & because I have had it in view for 6 or 8 months: it goes ahead of my expectations in many respects, and I wish that we could move right here this fall. I have seen some very pretty country since I left Md. and some good towns but Winterset "takes the cake" - The Court House is immence & finely built: has a high dome & is finer than any in the State, not excepting Des Moines, they claim. The business houses are fine too and there are some nice residences, and all interspersed with trees & shrubery: the surrounding country is beautiful, & from the dome of the Court house I could see ten miles each side. There are some fine farms all about here, and between here & Centerville. Corn is good also oats, grass, wheat, & rye, here. And south toward Centerville, all good except corn. Do you remember me speaking about Mr. Homer Hyde who worked for Ketcham Bros at Mendota three years ago? he used to go to Unionville sometimes to attend the parties there, & we often met, not only at Un. but at Md & Milan; He is here, married, & in business for himself in the Drug business: I knew of his being here before I came: he has been very kind to make me acquainted with some of the business men and has shown me the town this afternoon. I dont know now what we will do, but if we can we will probably move here next spring, if not before.

On Monday of this week K. Bros safe from Milan arrived at the Coal Mine and it was put in the new office together with the safe at Coal office & I suppose by the time I get back the whole office will be moved. ----"

John inclosed a hand-sketched map of his trip which is shown below:



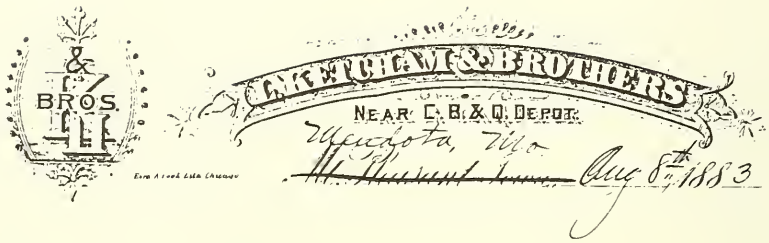
In his letter of 19 July 1883 to his mother, John concludes the story of his trip: 2

"My vacation is over and I am again "at the wheel". Arrived safely on last saturday noon very well pleased with my trip although I did not rest any: It was more of a business trip than one of pleasure or a time of rest. ---- On Friday morning last I left Winterset, went to Des Moines, visited the Capitol Building and gauked about the streets some was there about 3 hours left at 2 P.M. & instead of going on Wabash Ry to Albia, I came on C. B. & Q. Ry which runs through Knovville - spent 2 hours in Albia & took Wabash Ry to Centerville where I stayed all night & came down here next day Saturday. Winterset, Madison Co. is the place of places that I saw last week or at any time since I came West, that suits me best. It has good business houses, fine Court house, good schools: McAdamized streets; telephone; well kept cemetry; fire dept; nice dwellings, and is in the midst of a fine farming country, having good crops now. I wish that we were able to move there this fall, but guess we will have to wait until next spring.----"

The next day, 20 July 1883, Edgar referred to his brother's trip in his letter to his mother. He used his "Messerve Bros." letterhead reproduced below which includes both his and his brother, John's names: 11 2

"Johnnie got back from his trip, very much pleased with the country he has been thro. he left Mendota Monday morning, arrived at Sedan Ia about 10 oclock left there on foot for Centerville Ia about 7 miles, left there next for Albia Ia, from Albia to Chariton Ia - from there to Indianola Ia - from there to Winterset, from there to Des Moines from there back to Albia, from there to Centerville, from there down to Sedan & on to Mendota arriving there on the 1 15 train Sat"

From Mendota, John wrote on 8 August 1883 to his mother on L. Ketcham & Brothers stationery which, although John crossed it out, indicates the Company has an office under this name in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa:



"This week is one of the ordinary ones except that Mr & Mrs Sweet have moved from the room they had, to the room formerly used as office, and Mattie and I have taken their room and put down our "front-room" carpet, and furnished it with our things, and feel more at home now than we did when we had our bed in the dining room and wash stand & looking glass in Mrs Haynes room & other things scattered about. The new store-room is completed now and the goods from the old store will be moved in this week or next. I heard from Ed today that trade was quiet though 11
steady at Milan and they were all well. I wrote to Cle on last 13
Sunday and invited him to visit us next spring at Winterset. and told him I wished that he would settle there with us.----"

Edgar, writing from Milan on 5 September 1883 to his mother briefly mentioned John: 11,2

"Johnny & folks were all well the last time I heard from them"

but it is not until 5 October 1883 that we hear directly from John:

"---- I went to Milan as I expected to - on Sat. & we finished invoicing but did not close the books, merely made a statement of the condition of affairs & expect to close the books last of the year or next spring if we leave there. Our Stock invoices 2100.00 nearly, & our net profit for the year is 1300.00 but we owe some to wholesale houses which cuts the net gain down to a little below 1000.00: we think we have done well for the first year, having had nothing to start with and expect to make more during the next year. We are all well."

John still has his dream of getting the family to resettle with him near Winterset, IA, and repeats this wish in his letter home on 30 November 1883 from Mendota:

"Thanksgiving day has past rather uneventful here, as business went on as usual: the only thing a little unusual that happened with us was that we had fresh oysters, fried for dinner, and stewed for supper.----

I have not found a "loop-hole" to slip out of yet, but hope that something will turn up by spring, to take us from Mendota. ---- I wish that I cd get located at Winterset soon & have Uncle James come and take a look at Madison Co in the spring for I think that Mad. Co. is an unusual good Co. & Winterset an unus-

ual good town. I have been acquainted with the Co. & town for a year past, and have been there and compared it with other places, so I ought to have a pretty correct idea of it. My idea is to have you folks, - Maggie & Theo & family, - Uncle Jas & family - & Charley R. come back from Cal. - Ed & family, & J.E.M. & family, all move to Madison Co. Ia. as soon as convenient. How's that? ----" 1,2 7,26,15 18,11

John's letter from Mendota to his mother on 2 December 1883 was a very short one: 2

"Here it is Friday morning again and no letter written to you, and I have not time to write much now. I took some of my work home last eve to work at or would have written then.

I hope that Papa recd the money alright: What time does he expect to go?" 1

John is referring to his father's plans to go to Atlanta, GA, for an extended visit for his health. 1

"Mattie and I expect to visit Milan next week; she will probably go middle of week and I will go Sat. 15th and both return Mon. 17th. Trade in Milan is very quiet for this time of the year."

In his letter home on 13 December 1883 written from Mendota, John refers to his planned visit to Milan:

"---- Mattie went to Milan yesterday - Wed. - I intended to go on Sat. but fear that I will have to stay here, as Mr W Ketcham is very sick at Mt. Pleasant Ia and Mr Gatch went up there yesterday morning feeling as tho' he might have a "spell of fever" ---- Mr. McKean resigned a while ago and left here a week ago and in his place Mr Hutchinson is attending to the shipping, but he is "new" at it, and part of my time has to be spent instructing him; and as I have all the Depts to fill, I am what you may call busy. It doesnt worry me, I keep the most important work up, and keep all going as smoothly as possible: that will do for a week or two, but no longer. ----

I keep well & hearty, but I want to step out of Mendota before next summer if I can. I have several "Jobs" in prospect, but they are all faint yet. ----"

We have no more news of John until Edgar writes to their mother from Milan on 23 January 1884: 11,2

"Johnnie came down last saturday & staid till Monday morning, he reports everybody in good health a(t) Mendota"

It appears that Mattie did not go to Milan with John who referred to his visit in his letter from Mendota two days later to JULIA on 25 January 1884:

"I went to Milan last Saturday as I intended, found Ed, Allie & Elsie well and comfortably housed for the cold weather:---- I found the store full of goods, clean & enticing: trade quiet - the accounts in good shape but it is "scratch gravel" to make 11,25

payments on time when our receipts are light: of course we have paid all the notes we gave in payment for the stock but when we buy a car-load of flour it falls due before we sell half of it. We get along though & Ed & I are the only ones that know that the shoe pinches.

Our scheme now is to sell out if we can find a purchaser: we have thought of it for six months - to sell this spring and migrate to a lively town, that is good in morals too.

I rec'd a letter from Homer Hyde, Winterset yesterday: he has sold his Drug business and gone into the stock business: has shipped a great deal this winter. He buys up cattle from the farmers and has them driven to W.; loads them in cars and goes to Chicago with 5 to 10 loads. sells them & returns to buy another lot: sometimes he makes & sometimes he loses.

Mr. W. Ketcham writes that he is having a good time in the Mountains.

Our office work is going along nicely now: I am a little behind with my work but will catch up by Feb. 1st I hope.----"

We learn more of John's character from his letter of 8 February 1884 as he writes to his mother of his brother, Cle, prompted, presumably, by an inquiry from her. Although he no longer mentions his fondness for Winterset, he does inform us that he is continuing his efforts to "migrate" from Mendota: 2,13

"Your letter of Jan 31st recd on 5th inst and we were glad to hear again from you: I had completely run out of news and if you had not asked me some questions I would scarcely anything to write about ---- We have not heard from Cle for a long time: I owe him a letter, but I think he might at least send me a card when he changes location: I will try & find time to write him soon but I would not ask him to come back to Mo.: he seemed so disgusted with Milan & this part of the country when he went away that I feel sure he w'd not come back, and if he came we c'd not give him employment in the store because he would not be "bossed" by us and when you hire a man you want him to do what you tell him to do, or get out; and we would not want to "boss" him because he is a brother. To insure friendship among relatives, one should not be "boss" of another. I wd rather get Cle a good job, or school, and that has been my plan ever since we tho't of migrating: When we get settled in a good town I will work the scheme up; I know it would be better for us to be near each other. I want him to get tired of his present location first. -----

We are doing the same as usual, work, eat & sleep in each 24 hrs. Havent found a place to migrate to, yet. Business, is good: but money is as scarce as hen's teeth."

JULIA CLELAND informs us that her son, John, has finally resigned from his position with W. Ketcham and is looking for a new situation in Wichita, KS, in her letter of 20 April 1884 to her husband who is recuperating in Atlanta, GA: 2 1

"After he decided to make a change, he was very busy indeed, trying to complete his accounts etc, before leaving. He was

very anxious to expedite matters as much as possible - so as to secure a good position at Wichita - (in one letter he wrote that if he had been there on the 21st March, he could have had one.) Their plan is not, to take their business material with them to W. - Johnnie expects to get a situation in his own line of business, as bookeeper or the like, and look about for best prospects for himself and others. Edgar stays just the same where he is, and if he has a good opportunity to sell out, will do so, and migrate to Wichita, to take situation similar to Johnnie's if obtainable, or other, or if they deem it best, go into business again. Johnnie wrote at one time that he had two or three places in view.

Last Monday 14th I received a letter from Johnnie, written "on Train from Mendota to Milan, April 10th" Thursday, had finished up his work at Mendota that morning, had his goods hauled to depot - was going to Milan to stay over night, & go back to Unionville in the morning - Mattie was at Un. - wd start on afternoon train for Kansas, Mattie for Emporia (to visit a cousin) Johnnie for Wichita. Did not know exactly what he wd do yet. had received a letter from J.A. Kebler Supt. of a Coal & Mining Co., at Ottumwa Ia. offering him a situation to keep books & payroll at Cleveland, Ia. mines. Company a good one to work for, and if he did not "strike it well in Wichita, might take the Sit." - had till April 15th to ans. Kebler, and that was why he was in a hurry to go west and find out how things are - expected to be in Wichita on Saturday 12th and to telegraph Kebler "no" or "yes" before the 15th - so that is as far as I know of his whereabouts and his whatabouts. They, the aforementioned firm, found out from Bert Hatfield that he had resigned. Hatfield keep books for the firm at Kirkville, Ia. north of Ottumwa. — If time and money held out he wanted to run down to Girard. I do hope he will be able to do so. — ---"

Edgar adds a bit more news of John in his letter to JULIA on 2 May 1884: 11,2

"I got a letter from Johnnie tuesday - he is at Reading Kans. now - about 15 miles N.E. of Emporia - he will be there for 2 or 3 weeks yet Mattie is still at Emporia, Johnnie goes down Sat afternoon and back Monday morn. as long as he stays there, he thinks his prospects are better at Emporia, "and vicinity", than down at Wichita, altho he says there is very little choice between the two, as a place to live, both very pleasant,

We are all well here and getting along nicly - our Store business is very quiet just now."

Our first direct news from John after his move to Kansas comes from his letter of 15 May 1884 written to his mother from Emporia, KS: 2

"I finished my work at Reading on Sat. last and we came to Emporia: I have posted up the books and expect L. S. & Sons will have a settlement tonight. To give you an idea of the magnitude of this business I will tell you a business secret which I never mention to those around me here: the total sale of cattle from Oct. 1st 81 - to Dec. 31 /83 - was over 56,900.00 and the net profit was 22,308.76 - W.H.S. personal expenses during that

time was over 6,600.00.

There was one man ahead of me for the position in the First Natnl Bank here so I did not get it. Mr. L. Severy was anxious to have me stay in this vicinity so that I could attend to his business too and so wanted me to accept a position in the Osage City bank which he said he could get for me. Osage City is 25 or 30 miles N.E. of here - has 2000 inhabitants & is Co. seat.- it is a good show to become Cashier or something of the sort; with Mr S's influence: but I rec'd an offer from Mr. Neiderlander Real Estate Agt. & Loan Agt. at Wichita @60.00 per mo. and I "took it in". Why? Because Wichita was my destination in the first place. is a large town & still going ahead Mr N. is Stockholder & Director in the Wichita Natnl Bank, so I wd stand a show to get in there if I wanted it - though when I was in Wichita I concluded that the Real Estate business was better than Banking - W(ichita) is large enough for Ed B. M. - & Logan 11
Little & Mrs Haynes & as many more as I could induce to come, while Osage City is not. W. only built 573 new houses in /83.

I rec'd a letter from Mr. N. this morning in wh he said - "to come immediately". I may start in the morn. 4.05 & be there about 10.30 A.M. - have not had time to think just exactly what I will do. Mattie may go now & may not until next week

We rec'd news this morning 2 columns long in the "Emp. Daily News", of the Panic in Wall St. yesterday. It doesn't affect things here as I see: And will not. It is not a very large affair anyhow. I have a Statement - made by a Chicago firm of Real Estate brokers - that by /88 prices will be the lowest and gradually get higher until /91 when there will be a panic: Now is good time to sell property or in /90. Perhaps this is so & perhaps it isn't, but the rule has worked well & accurately for past yrs as far back as 1816. ----"

John wrote the above letter on L. Severy & Sons stationery shown below:

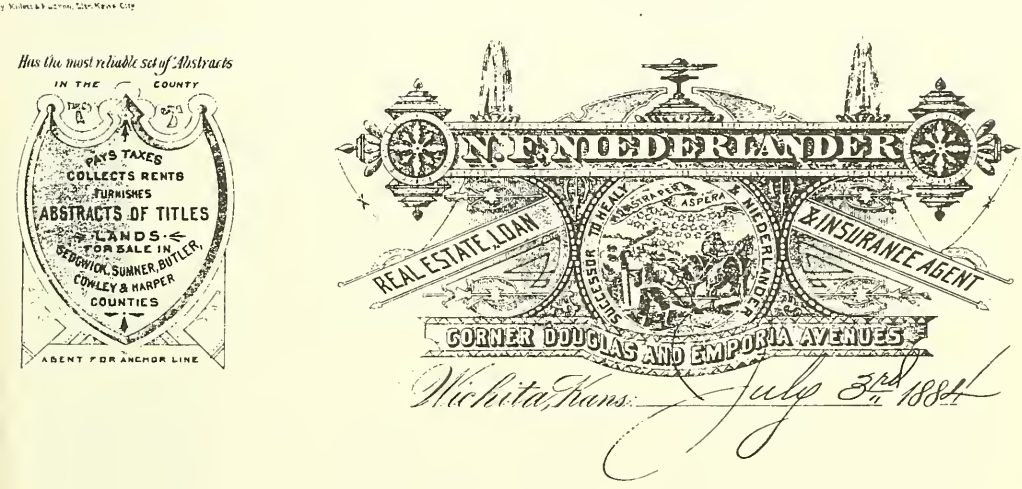
A brief reference to John is found in Edgar's letter to his mother 11,2
from Milan on 6 June 1884:

"I suppose you have heard from Johnnie since I have or probably

as lately as I have so there would be nothing new in anything I could tell you from there, he seems to like the place - (Wichita) first rate - (no "rum holes", or Gin mills there) and seems to be doing well -

Our business here is very quiet & dull - and probably will be until the prospect of a good crop is an undisputed fact, then trade may revive enough for us to sell out."

The stationery of N.F. Niederlander. on which John writes his next letter to his mother dated 3 July 1884, is interesting in that the entire reverse side shows a map of Wichita and surrounding area and a sales pitch for the City and the State. It is reproduced on the following page. The letterhead is below:



"----Unless you make a good deal I am sorry you have the minister to board, for I dont think one boarder pays unless he pays big price. We will never board any one unless we have to: dont mind taking in some of our kinfolks for a while, but we dont keep hotel - it doesn't pay to be servant in your own house for the little you make.

I dont know what it will cost to ship our goods from Milan here. - perhaps 100.00 to 150.00. I dont know what "Wichita" means - but this place is called "Forest City" on acct of the many trees & shrubery."

It seems more than a coincidence that the Haynes family should follow John and Mattie to Wichita but John simply reports the event without explanation. Logan Little is Cora's husband; Dell, Cora and Mattie's brother:

"Logan & Cora Little arrived here on Tues. morning and will be settled to house keeping in a few days - 5 minutes walk from where we live. Dell Haynes will come some time this month.

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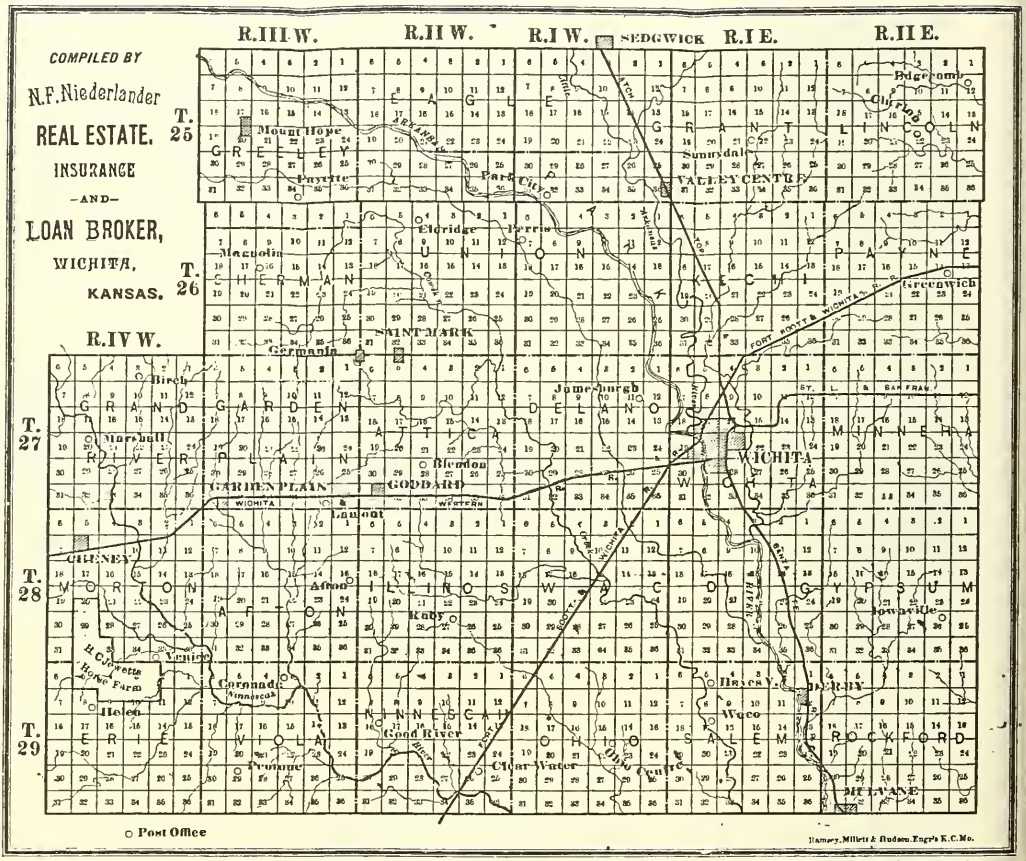


WE do not propose to tell you how this wonderful County of the remarkable young State of Kansas, has, in the short space of twelve years, been transformed from a wild waste to a land of prosperous farmers, with homes surrounded with every convenience, and of cities and towns teeming with commercial life and prosperity; how, where roamed the buffalo and wolf, now may be seen herds of cattle, sheep and hogs, noted for their superior quality. Where was the wild waste of prairie, are now fields of wheat, corn, and oats, orchards and beautiful groves of forest trees; where across the swelling prairie and by the sparkling streams the trapper and huntsman silently followed the dim trail, now thunders the iron-horse, with his great train-loads of golden grain, and stock.

We will only say, that in 1870 there was no property returned for taxation. In 1871 the taxable property of any township in this County was but little more than the cash value of a single farm, such as may now be found in any of these townships. In 1883 the assessors report 22,786 people living in the County, and property the cash value of which was $11,770,850.00. These people raised in 1883, and harvested, 59,338 acres of wheat, and 137,511 acres of corn, 25,159 acres of oats, 1,524 acres of Irish potatoes, 455 acres of sorghum, 15,855 acres of millet, 359 acres of timothy, and 86 acres of clover. They owned 8,823 horses, 31,420 head of cattle, 21,451 sheep, and 42,754 hogs. They harvested 48,578 tons of prairie hay, and made 479,753 pounds of butter, and sold poultry and eggs to the value of $29,833.

For this same year of 1883 the State Board of Agriculture estimates the wheat crop of this County at 981,558 bushels, valued at $736,168; corn, 6,875,050 bushels, valued at $1,718,762. This remarkable increase of wealth, and these unequaled productions for a new country tell their own story. They appeal to the agriculturist with an irresistable eloquence.

We feel that our duty had been neglected, were we to fail to tell you that in this County, in the midst of this valley, with its fertile fields, its winding rivers, its gentle rivulets, and its glorious sunshine, like a royal queen surrounded by her glittering court, is our own Wichita. Here are her water-works, her gas-works, her street-railways, and her 573 new houses, erected in 1883, making more than $1,000,000 worth of improvements in a single year. Here are her happy homes, her business houses—wholesale and retail—her mills and elevators, her fine churches and schoolhouses. Here is Wichita with her 12,000 people.

Nothing yet for Cle here and there may not be a place until fall. No news from Ed - lately. 13 11

I am sorry to tell you that I have no money to send you: the only show is from Ed. I wrote him that you needed some beside the 10.00 per mo. - dont know how he is fixed for funds: hardly think he has much. I have to pay cash for every thing we get to eat and 10.00 per mo. in advance for 3 small hot rooms: no fence around the house so we cant raise any vegetables: even have to furnish screens if we want them - to doors & windows - myself. I am very anxious to turn the store into money, and pay what we owe, and get a home of our own; then perhaps we can save something; as it is it looks blue: dont think we are going backwards but we are not going ahead. I dont want any thing big or magnificent in the way of business or a house, but I do want to save enough in the next 25 years, so that I need not work any longer as I do now, but just work for exercise." .

On 9 July 1884, in his letter home, Edgar provides us with a bit of news of his brother, John: 11

"I received a letter from Johnnie day before yesterday, and among other things he spoke of you needing a little money to help along the haying, so I here with "double" the "regular dose" and hope it will help through alright ----

Johnnie and Mattie seem well pleased with their new home - wouldnt trade back for "poor old Mo" under any consideration. We are all well - business very quiet again, and will probably remain so until after "Harvest""

JULIA's next letter from John from Wichita on 24 July 1884 was a short one:

"---- Mr. Niederlander expects to open a new office - in connection with this - on cor. of Main St. and Douglas Ave. the business center - 4 short blocks from here - This office will be the land office, and the new one will have the Insurance, - Loan, - abstract, and Rent business, and the books. I think we will be all arranged in the course of a month. If I can get a house nearer or more suitable, I will move too this fall. Ed has not sold out yet."

John explains the new letterhead reproduced below and has quite a bit of news for us in his letter to his mother dated 20 August 1884:

N. F. NIEDERLANDER, President. A. W. OLIVER, Vice President. W. W. KIRKWOOD, Land Examiner. M. W. LEVY, Treasurer. J. C. RUTAN, Secretary.

KANSAS LOAN AND INVESTMENT CO.

Capital $100,000.00

Wichita, Kansas, Aug 20th 1884

"If every thing had gone smoothly, Ed would have been here this morning: but Cora Little was taken sick a week ago with flux which terminated in inflamation of the bowels so I wrote Ed Sat. to postpone his visit for a week. Cora has suffered more than I ever saw anyone suffer, but is getting along well now; and can sleep some w'h she could not do during the first few days. On Monday we got a carriage & brought her over to our house so that Mattie could take care of her better during the daytime. I think she will be entirely well in 10 days -:---- We want to move by Sept. 1st to the house in South part of town that we engaged, a new house of 4 rooms, just built. Dell will come next week, and Mrs Haynes will be out toward Oct. 1st and we will probably arrange to live together - Mrs H. - Dell - Myrtle & Mattie & me, and if Cle comes he will board with us I expect. Logan is trying to get another house more suitable for Winter & near where we will be. 11 13

The above heading is the style of the New Co. formed in connection with Mr. N's office in the Wichita Natnl Bank building, and I will have their books to keep I think. We are not moved yet, for they are building additional room to accomodate all hands, and may not be ready for a few weeks.

A great many people are coming to Wichita to engage in business and to buy farms. The Wholesale business seems to be growing: Several new lines of business opening here as Wholesale houses & some as Wholesale & Retail. A number of new brick blocks are being built, and there seems to be no let up to it either; the town grows in size and solidity. ---- The market is loaded with all kinds of fruit, and some very fine varieties too ----"

Edgar reported to his mother on the details of his visit with John in his letter of 7 September 1884. Ed was accompanied by a friend named "Mack" Winters: 11,2

"We left there (Kansas City) at 10 oclock A M - arriving in Wichita about 9 oclock P.M. Johnny met us at the depot, we went home with him had supper - and went to bed, to sleep our first night in the "Grasshopper" State, next morning we got up and went downtown with John, and were introduced to the folks in the office - (Niederlanders) then went down to Mr Lees office - (Real Estate too) where Mr Fegtty is, and made acquaintance of everybody there, and between the two places we put in the forenoon, after dinner we took a tour of City, and in fact, we did nearly the same thing nearly every day that I was there, only over different ground, so by the time I came away I was pretty well acquainted, with the town. I enjoyed myself "highly" while I was there, and think W- is one of the prettiest places I ever saw, besides being a lively business place, and situated in one of the best farming countrys ---- Johnnie was thinking about moving when I was there, and suppose they have got moved and settled down before this time, the house they was going to move to was a new one and they will be very comfortably fixed there "

The next four letters from John to JULIA dated 3 October, 9 October, 23 October a 6 November 1884 are all on Wichita National Bank stationery reproduced on the next page but he does not mention doing any work for the Bank:

John is at the left. He wrote the following on the back of the picture:

"The man with his hand on his breast is M.W. Levy, Cashier. I dont know the others.

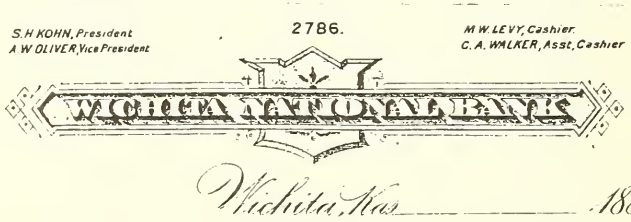
The sign reads now - Wichita National Bank over the door windows - in script, the old name "Kohn Bros & Co" painted over & Natnl written in its place.

A new gas light with large globe - on an iron post takes the place of the gasoline "lamp post".

The old bill board on the right of the picture is removed, and the door post signs "Wich. Bank" are removed and one square gilt sign "Wichita National Bank" is on the corner of the building.

There is nothing very fine about the building for it looks only like a first class business house from the outside now, but they expect to put on another story, and a new front, etc. so that it will look like another building. Inside it is elegant & will not be changed of course."

"I have no time this week to write much of a letter being first of the mo. & extra work at both offices. Harry Richmond came on Wed: We expected him Tues.: he will stay 10 days or two weeks & will visit Kingman - the Co seat west of us - to look at the country. ---- Harry & I went to the Co. fair yesterday in the afternoon & he & Mattie will go this afternoon. All well." 17



"---- I have been very busy this month and put in some long days (12 hrs): expect it will be easier now as the "first of the mo." is past. I have been around with Harry only twice and he has had to "take in" the town by himself.---- 17

I made a payment on a couple of lots in the South part of town, today & got long time on the bal. and a promise from the owner to reserve two lots next to them for Ed if he wants them & will take them soon. The lots are on Main Street - 12 minutes walk, from the bank wh. is on Cor Main St. & Douglas Ave: on as high ground as any in W. & face East: there is some talk of the street cars running down Main St. to a street 150 ft. from the lots - probably not before next spring though. Paid 200.00 each for them (25 x 144 ft. ea.) & will be worth 300.00 ea. before Spg. ---- Mrs Haynes Household Goods arrived Mon. and she will come by Nov. 1st probably." 11

"---- Harry went home on Friday last.---- We have had fire in the heating stove a couple of times: Will have to burn soft coal @ 6.00 per ton. Hard coal is worth 12.00 per ton, and wood cannot be had. ---- We are all well here and getting along in the same old fashion."

"I have only time to write that we are all well and everything moving along as usual. Election returns are coming in slowly and we will not be sure about the result until tomorrow I think. I did not vote because I had not lived here long enough - 6 months; but would have voted for Blaine & the straight Rep. ticket. Democrats are next to rebels out West and during my stay in Mo. I saw & heard many a Rebel: - bitter toward Republicans & the north. I dread to see them in power until the present generation is dead."

"Until the present generation is dead".— Then, on 11 March 1885, John writes:

"Dear Mamma,
There is news enough this week, but Oh, how sad and hard to bear! --- Mattie died this morning at 1.40: Was taken

sick Sat. eve. with severe head-ache and had "spells" of it until Monday morn. between 12 & 1 o'clock when she woke me up and wanted mustard plasters applied as had been done to get relief. Mrs Haynes got up too and advised that I go for the Dr. which I did while she was trying to do something for her. While I was gone she had a convulsion and was not entirely conscious when I returned without the Dr. but with some medicine -: at 5.30 she had another & we sent for the Dr. who came and from then he or his son -(Drs Whitlock)- or both were here until she died. Mattie had four convulsions altogether before noon, and ten afterwards. at 2.30 P.M. yesterday a girl baby was born to us, but 28
Mattie did not know anything after 1 o'clock P.M. and before that time was partly delirous. I thought I would have a pleasant surprise for you this w'k but never dreamed I would have to add such terrible news to it. The funeral service will be held here at the house tomorrow at 3 oclock. I bought a plot in the cemetery today large enough for 3 graves. Mrs. Haynes, Cora & Myrtle take it hard - Dell is in Topeka, is telegraphed for: the first death in their family. I can hardly realize it yet, but it is hard to bear where there are so many reminders in our house hold goods: each article was made or bought for our use - nothing fine, but each for its particular use: I am going to keep them all together and keep house as before; with Mrs Haynes as house keeper, and carer for the little one. Our house is about one third toward completion: I will go on with it of course, for we must have a home, though the helper in its planning, will not share it with us. I would have telegraphed you today but thought you might get it before this letter. Mattie's trouble that produced the convulsions was Brights desease of the Kidneys which we did not know enough about, to have her doctored six month ago as we should have done. She has had little back-ache lately compared with what she used to have and we thought she was well. We did all in our power to help her, and six or eight neighbor woman were here or ready to come at a moments notice. We had a third doctor come at midnight last night. I did not leave her, except to eat, the whole time, and knew what was done and for what reason. I will send you a paper with the notice in it, and will send one to New York folks & to Hempstead.

Love to all your loving son

P.S. I have to keep calm and talk squarely and quietly about things to help Mrs Haynes bear up under her trouble."

Six letters from John to his mother followed, all written from 2
Wichita on Wichita National Bank stationery, on 2 April, 9 April, 16 April, 23 April, 7 May and 13 May 1885, respectively:

"I have not time to write more than to say we are all well and little Mary is growing nicely and is as little trouble as a 28
small baby can be. We are feeding it a Swiss, Infants food and it agrees with it better than the cows milk - Logan & Cora moved yesterday to Main St. opp. my new house."

"---- Ed did not buy the 2 lots next to me on the South but a 11
Mr. Hazen bought them and is building a house of four rooms which I think he will rent to some one. ---- The baby is doing 28
well and while it is not very large it seems healthy & well. She has blue eyes - large pupil: has head shaped like mine and

just as bumpy: fair skin & hair like mine - dont think it will be white nor black."

"---- We have not moved yet and cannot untill the last of the month. The baby has had more colic for a week past than ever before, but I think she will get over that: she seems strong, and very hearty; nurses too much perhaps.----" 28

"----- this week am getting my work all up in good shape so that we can move first of next week to the new house if the plaster is dry enough. Mary gets along well: we give her cows milk from Ed's new cow and think she does better than with "Infants food". All well now.----" 28 11

"---- We moved to the new house last Thurs. - 30th, and are pretty comfortable although there are some odd jobs yet to do to complete it. - Cora's children have had the measles, and Mary may have it soon. ----" 28

"---- I have been spending my leisure time in grading our yard, making the earth slope from the house in each direction to run the water off quickly when it rains. ---- Mary is getting fat, and except the colic occasionally is well; begins to notice things now and coos a little. ----" 28

John wrote his letter of 4 June 1885 from his new home. It is not clear whether "Liddie" was written by mistake for "Allie", Ed's wife: 25,11

"---- Ed & Liddie have been here this eve & I gave him your letter to read ---- Mary getting along well" 11 28

His next two letters to JULIA CLELAND, both on Wichita National Bank stationery, dated 9 July and 16 July 1885 respectively, give us a glimpse of national history along with the personal news: 2

"----The "Fourth" was well observed here with picnics etc, private fire works at night. Banks were closed all day other places of business closed at noon except wholesale houses w'h also were closed all day I believe. We stayed at home - Ed & family were over during the afternoon -: ---- 11

The "Indian troubles" amount to nothing here but at Kingman there is some "scare" and exaggerated stories. A trainload - 28 cars of troops & cavalry went west this morning past our house at 5.30 - R.R. track is about 200 ft from us - they were going to Ft. Reno, Ind. Ty to keep the settlers from harm. Some of the Indians in the Ty. are a little wild but will not do anything we think, for we can outnumber them and if war is declared - there will not be a red skin left: they impose, more than they are imposed on.----"

"---- Mary is broken out with heat and is not as lively as she was: the heat seems to melt her down, and she appears languid. The new extension of the Street Ry south on Main St. passed my door on the first of this month and the cars are running now: I find it quite a help to ride in the middle of the day when it is so warm. the distance is half a mile and 600 ft. Crops & 28

fruit in this Co. are in good condition and there is no doubt that /85 will be recorded as a prosperous year in Kansas.

We hear little about the Indians now Phil. Sheridan passed through Wichita a couple of days ago to visit the I. Ty. and examine the situation.

Half a dozen or more citizens of Harper Co, Ks. who came from Sullivan Co. Mo. nearly two years ago - have been here for a week until yesterday when they returned: their business being in connection with some of the "land entries". The Jackson family were the most interested and two Miss Jacksons came: they are old friends of Lyddie's & Allie's: We had quite a long visit in all - of evenings & Sunday, and walked the Crowd around town considerably. ----" 25

John has made it clear that Lyddie and Allie are different girls but we cannot identify Lyddie. 25

With one of his letters home, John included the card describing the organization and giving the statement of the condition of the Wichita National Bank. Both sides of the card are reproduced below:

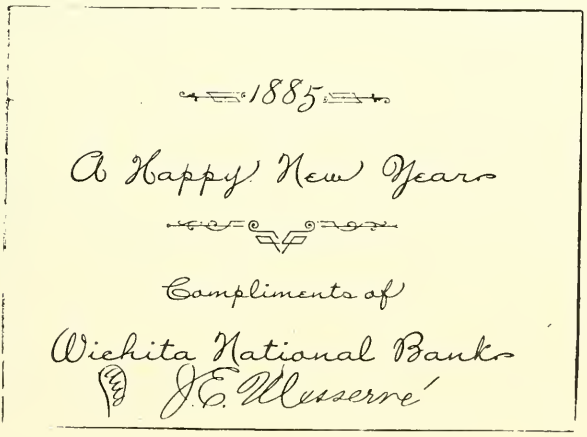
STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION
OF THE

Wichita National Bank,

WICHITA, KANSAS,

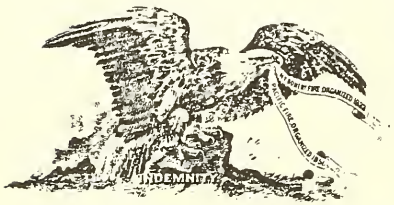
AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 31st, 1884.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES	
Bills receivable	$341,228.91	Capital Stock	$125,000.00
Overdrafts	106.11	Surplus	10,000.00
United States Bonds	35,137.50	Undivided Profits	13,717.58
School Bonds	11,870.63	Circulation	28,120.00
Real Estate	10,000.00	Deposits	325,873.56
Redemption Fund	1,406.00		
Cash on hand $58,633.78			
Cash with Banks 44,308.21	102,941.99		
	$502,711.14		$502,711.14



John's letter home dated 31 July 1885 was written on an Insurance Company letterhead, undoubtedly one for whom John's employer acts as agent. The letter is of little news interest except that we learn that John is still friendly with men he knew back in Missouri days:

"---- Bert Hatfield dropped in to see me day before yesterday; ---- Col. S. W. Mellor came in from a tour through Cos west of here - night before last and visited with Ed & me yesterday ---"



The New York Alliance.

E. W. LYMAN, GENERAL AGENT,

150 & 152 La Salle Street.

Agency at _____ 188_

Wichita Ks July 31 1885

Most of John's letter of 27 August 1885 concerned the weather and his daughter, Mary, the latter of which is recorded with her own history. He does include bits of national history and a few social notes: 28

"----I suppose you saw by the "Eagle" that some of the soldiers had been withdrawn from the Ind. Ty: the cavalry passed through Wichita and we had a good view of them - quite different looking from the troops in the N.Y. parades. These were all mounted on fine horses but their clothes looked as tho' they had seen considerable every day wear and travel. The large Army wagons were painted blue with a big U.S. on each side - each drawn by six mules. and a mounted guard near each wagon. - went east on Douglas Ave. passed the bank, and camped east of town. some of the officers came in during the evening and had on the dress uniforms & stopped at one of the hotels that night. ----

Mrs Haynes is not very well - her trouble being disordered liver and kidneys; is about as well as she has been for 6 or 8 months past. All the rest of us are well. Cora is still at Unionville or thereabouts. I will go to Milan & Un. in Oct. I think. ----"

In his next letter to his mother dated 9 October 1885, John gives us the clue that Lyddie may be Allie's sister or sister-in-law and tells us of a change in his traveling plans: 2 25

"---- I have postponed my trip: instead of starting on Sunday 11th, will probably go about Mon. 19th on account of the Bishop's - Vail - visit to this parish on Sunday 18th.

Cora is at Un. but will come home perhaps, - before I go: ----

Allie's sister, and sister-in-law, went home on Monday last. so they three are alone again. Mary is well and as jolly as can be ---- It seems too bad that Mattie can not be here to enjoy her. She will be seven months old tomorrow." 25 28

John's letter to his mother dated 23 October 1885 is headed "on the road between Girard and Kan City": 2

"The visit at Girard is over and was very satisfactory - although it seemed when I arrived there that the 24 hours ahead of me was a short time to make the rounds in it seems now, longer because I saw so many in the time - First person I saw was Harry R(ichmond) who had come to meet me - called on Dudley Flint, and on Mr J.D. Barker now Prest - 1st Natnl Bank - was in Hardware business when I was there before - We then went to Dudleys house for dinner ---- After dinner called on Mrs J D. Barker, & Warners, & Goodings Harrys wifes folks, and drove down south of town to where Julia & Elmer her husband were moving their household goods in their snug small farm house, getting ready to keep house: could only stay there half an hour and did not get to Uncle James' until after five o'clock I took my album with me and we talked over every thing we could think of: this morning I took a glance about the yard and noted the changes, went to Girard and left on the 11.22 A.M. train. I found many changes in Girard and the surrounding country - trees have grown very much, many houses and business houses built, and the town & country much improved in appearance. Uncle Jas place looks home like now with its large house shade trees and orchard and hedges grown so large. Uncle Jas seems much older, and smaller, than when I saw him last, is somewhat feeble but apparently well. Aunt Fanny is older, not as fleshy as formerly, seems well and was overjoyed at my arrival, and I hope was benefited Harry said it will do her lots of good & make her feel as though she was not so very very far from everyone. Andy has grown to a man in size not very tall but is stout; no change in Harry since last year; Belle his wife I judge has a pleasant disposition and will make him a good wife no doubt; she is taller than I am - Harry & I are the same height 5 ft. 4 in - Belle is probably an inch taller; is rather pretty, and stout but not out of proportion. Julia has changed from a small girl to a woman and looks like Jule Rue used to look. 17,29 20,30 15 15 16 17 21 17 29 20 32

There is no place more pleasant, or a small town nicer, than where they live, and Girard, I think, but if farming there does not pay, it is best to sell and use the proceeds in some paying business; what that business should be I do not know. I think with a little money in hand they could do something that will pay. Since they attached to Girard, now by more than mere acquaintance, perhaps they would be better contented there than to move to Wichita, or Oregon where Charley wants them to go, or any other place. 18

I will be in Carrollton tonight and will make no change in the program that I know of. -"

His next letter of 28 October 1885 is headed "On A. T & S.Fe train:

"---- I visited Carrollton, Mo. last Friday night & Sat morn as

expected, went to Milan spent the afternoon there, and went to Unionville at 8 P.M. - spent Sunday in Un. left Mon. afternoon for Mendota - left there yesterday (tues) morn 11.45 - via Un. Carrollton, Kan City, and arrived at Topeka about midnight, called at Bishop Vails during forenoon and left on noon train for Wichita, expect to arrive at 7.45 P.M. Have heard nothing from home since I left but hope to find all well, Cora is back too. I found a few changes in Mo. in places & people, and although my visits were short yet it was a satisfaction to see the folks. I could not do much at Milan with the business; will have to finish up things by mail. Money is very scarce in that country.

Oct. 29 - PS - I found all well at home Mary had not forgotten me. I feel now ready for the winter work, quite refreshed by the trip." 28

Even though Mattie is gone, John seems to be more closely involved with the Haynes family than when she was alive. The details are provided in his letter of 4 November 1885:

"During the past week since my return I have been very busy, but have felt quite equal to the work I had to do: the trip, and the rest of mind, has done me a great deal of good. I am sorry now that I did not make an extra effort to visit Girard while Mattie was living; my acquaintances there, as well as Aunt Fanny and family regretted that they had (not) seen & known her. We are so apt to lose sight of recreation, rest and intercourse with our friends, in our endeavor to "get ahead" and save something: while I do not expect to be extravagant, I intend to live more as I journey through life, in future. I have a number of good friends in Girard, now grown older than when I left them, but still the warm hearted people they always were. Now if "Squaw Brook" was nearer, my sphere would be complete. We have not heard from Cle for more than a mo. but hope to hear soon and have him here before Dec. 1. 16

This week we are crowded and in disorder in the house on account of building of the kitchen and porches and the placing of door and windows in the dining room as the plan shows: in a day or two the kitchen and dining room will be plastered. ---- the diagram I sent you of the house shows the unfinished dining "

Unfortunately, we have not found John's diagram.

"room with only one door and one window, that we used as kitchen all summer, I think. I did not intend to finish the house this fall, but Logan Little was planning to build a house of two rooms on my lots, a few feet back of my house expecting to move it in the spring to his own lots which he hoped to buy by that time, but we finally concluded to use his money that he intended for his lumber, in furnishing this house, and they take the two rooms - Kitchen & dining room for the winter, and when he had some lots, I to pay him for the lumber and what I owed him before on the first building, and he could build a house on the place where it was to stay better than to move the little house. During the cold weather we will be quite comfortable but when warm weather comes, a change will have to be made. None of us would like to live so close together if we were strangers; no fear of any trouble - especially where the woman folks are

so closely related.

Mary is growing fast, not very tall but stout - weighs 20 lbs at 7½ mos old: ---- 28

Ed & family are well now, tho' Ed had a bad cold last week. Allie & Elsie were over to see us this afternoon. ----" 11

John used the Wichita National Bank letterheads for his next four letters to his mother, dated 20 November, 3 December, 11 December and 18 December 1885 respectively:

"We are having very nice fall weather, are all well and every thing moving along smoothly. Nine years ago tomorrow we arrived in Girard, Ks - lots of changes in that time ----"

"---- Today is my thirtieth anniversary, and cannot pass of course without your thinking of it too,---- Logan & Cora commenced house-keeping in their new quarters first of this w'k. Mary has had a sore mouth, tongue, and chin, numerous festers breaking out, but now commencing to heal up, ---- I had a letter from Cle a few days ago - he is at Blue Earth City - and expects to teach school from Nov. 30 to Mar. - still wants to come to Wichita. Ed & family are well." 28 13 11

"My time has been so fully occupied this week that I have had no time to write to you, and now can only say that we are all well at both houses - not excepting Mary: ---- Christmas will soon be here but Santa Claus is very poor in our quarter." 28

"My time this week both days & evenings in with my work so that I have not had time to do my letter writing. No time now - 2.30 P.M. All well, Love to all

PS A Merry Christmas & a Happy New Years to you all"

On 23 December 1885, John used the letterhead with a new logo for the Kansas Loan and Investment Company, for his brief letter home:

"---- Wichita is lively with Christmas preparations, and the show windows look rich and elegant. I spent a part of last Sunday at Topeka with Bishop Vail and family, attended evening service at the Cathedral, enjoyed my visit with the good people very much, got back here on Monday Morning by 10 o'clock, lost no time from my work —— My time is up. All are well at both houses, and expect to spend a quiet though enjoyable Christmas."

N. F. Niederlander, President.
A. W. Oliver, Vice-President.

M. W. Levy, Treasurer.
J. C. Rutan, Secretary.

KANSAS LOAN AND INVESTMENT CO.

12 noon Wichita, Kans. Dec 23 1885

Dear Mamma,

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STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

—OF THE—

WICHITA NATIONAL BANK,

WICHITA, KANSAS,

MADE TO THE COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY, MAY 6, 1885.

RESOURCES.			LIABILITIES.	
Loans		$349,309 12	Capital	$125,000 00
Over Drafts		1,505 12	Surplus	10,000 00
U. S. Bonds		34,575 00	Undivided Profit	12,186 02
School Bonds		2,845 40	Circulation	28,120 00
Real Estate		10,000 00	Deposits	511,737 35
Expense		101 68		
Due from U. S. Treasurer		1,406 00		
Cash on hand	$75,993 50			
Cash with Banks	211,307 55	287,301 05		
		$687,043 37		$687,043 37

S. H. KOHN, President
A. W. OLIVER, Vice Prest

CASH CAPITAL $125,000.
SURPLUS $ 10,000.

M. W. LEVY, Cashier
C. A. WALKER, Asst Cash

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WICHITA NATIONAL BANK WICHITA KANSAS.

W. R. TUCKER.
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Directors.
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M. W. LEVY.
JOHN DAVIDSON.

John ends the year with a very brief message to his mother on a new design of Wichita National Bank stationery: 2

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WICHITA NATIONAL BANK.

Wichita, Kans. Dec 31 1885

"---- All well at both houses - We take dinner with Ed & family tomorrow - both of us will be busy all day except meal times." 11

In his first letter of the year to JULIA CLELAND, dated 17 February 1886, John gives us another look at the growth and development of the West: 2

"---- Preparations are going on for more building here this season than there ever was made before both for business buildings and dwellings. We have an appropriation of $100,000.00 for a Government building here and the Citizens are contributing well toward it too, so it will probably be a fine affair for this part of the country. You would be surprised to see the life of this town and wonder where all the people came from and what they were in such a hurry about.

We are still arranging to divide up, have a house 3½ blocks from my house, so before the end of the month we will be settled. ----"

At no time has John recorded any uncomplimentary remark about any member of the Haynes family in Wichita but John's living in such close quarters with them must have been awkward. His statement "I have been taking my meals up town" may be a clue but cannot be a surprise. With the tragic event of Mattie's death in the background, John's "moonlighting" on the books for Mr Severy could be a sign of a need for a "change" in his mind: on 25 February, he wrote:

"---- Mrs Haynes moved last Friday and Cora & Logan will move perhaps before another week goes by - to a house two doors from Mrs Haynes. I have been taking my meals up town: have not got my room entirely to rights yet, nor done any work at the house - am in no hurry.

Mary is well, and busy all the time; seems to grow older, faster than when I saw her oftener; I see her a few minutes morning and evening. This is a homeless way to live but I am too busy to think about it much. I received the books from Emporia - Mr Severy's - day before yesterday. and will work at them here of evenings when I feel like it. ----" 28

The following three letters from John to his mother, all from Wichita on Wichita National Bank stationery, are dated 4 March, 8 April and 16 June 1886 respectively: 2

"Cora & Logan moved from my house on Monday 1st and are very comfortably fixed now: I stopped in at Mrs Haynes once or twice a day and find them getting along alright. Mary is an energetic little thing; wants to walk, and has taken two or three steps alone.----" 28

"During the past week a few changes have been made, most important of which is my moving my house hold goods to a room on Douglas Ave yesterday. - Doug. Ave. runs east & west and we got a room on the second floor in a brick building on the south side of the Ave. a rear room with a large window - 3 ft x 8 ft. about - on the south side and a door with large transom over it - opening into the hall on the north side - ceiling about 12 ft high - size of room 12½ ft x 16 ft: - as the prevailing winds move in a N.E. direction we will have a breeze all the time and the brick building will be cooler than a frame one. After ar-

ranging the things about the room we have plenty of room, and all the comforts necessary for a living room. bed - lounge-secretary - stove - two tables - camp (parlor) chairs etc. It is only one and a half blks from the bank. When I want to see Mary I will have to make a trip on purpose for that - south on Main St. four blocks. 28

My house has been painted both inside and outside, and perhaps the paper is put on by this time - I did not go down there this eve.: there will be no trouble to find a family to rent it - I know of two now that want a house. Mary has had a bad cold and cough - is better now but not well. Myrtle has intermittent fever, and has been in bed for two days. ---- 28

I see by the Girard Press that Harry & Belle R. started for Portland last Tuesday -: ----" 17,29

"---- Still the boom in Real Estate in Wichita keeps up - more railroads are coming this way, more Wholesale houses, and educational institutions are being built; the city is lighted with electric light, and altogether we are putting on metropolitan airs. Ed - Cle & I are pegging away in the same old way at our books ---- The latest news we have to communicate is that Allie and Elsie - also Mrs Haynes, Myrtle, and Mary - will start for Missouri in a week or two to stay about two months. Mrs Haynes will break up house keeping for there will be no one to keep house for, except Dell, and he can board some where. The Whooping cough patients are getting well now. ----" 11,13 25 27,28

When we next hear from John, he is on a "working" vacation in Emporia, KS, busy on the books for L. Severy & Sons. He wrote to his mother from there on 15 July 1886: 2

"Last Saturday I asked for a vacation for a week, and got permission to go this week - so I left Wichita Monday morning, came here and expect to return on Saturday. I intended to have written up the Severy books while here, and make as much as the vacation cost me, besides having a talk with Mr. L. Severy about some business he wanted to see me for. I went out to the Ranch at Reading on Tuesday, found Will sick, unable even to explain some of his entries, so I returned, and will go out today, do what I can, and probably take the books with me to Wichita.

I left the boys at Wichita ---- Have heard nothing additional from Mary since I wrote before. ----" 11,13 28

Back in Wichita to arrange for a "lay-off" in order to join the L. Severy & Son's Company, we hear twice from John in two letters to JULIA CLELAND on 21 July and 31 July 1886: 2

"I arrived here on Sunday morning, the train being behind time I was a little late for Church.

I went from Emporia on Thursday noon, to Reading, worked on the books until Sat. noon and returned to Emporia; leaving there Sunday morn. at 4 o'clock.

The Severys are very anxious to have me take charge of their business, and offered me inducement enough to warrant me in asking for a vacation or "lay-off" of a few months, which I did,

and expect to leave here about Aug. 1st to go to Emporia and Reading and stay indefinately - two or three mos, or for all the time. I did not ask the Bank folks to hold my position here for me, but I leave in an honorable way, and can expect a good word from them if not employment - ie if I need it. It seems like a Wild Goose Chase but I have desired for some time past to break loose from this solid book keeping that I have done now for eight years, and get into something different, if not easier.

I heard from Un. today that Mary is well - and had two more teeth - 6 or 8 in all, now.----" 28

"I enclose herewith N.Y. Exch #120416 for Five dollars (5.00) as per promise.

We had a good rain last night and today. Good crops are assured now in this part of the world, and Kansas farmers are happy."

Using Emporia National Bank stationery, John wrote two letters home on 9 December 1886 and 31 January 1887:

"---- The holidays are drawing near and many whom I know are preparing presents for their friends. I can do little this year: ----"

"---- Have no time this morning to write any thing. "All's well"

P. B. PLUMB, Pres't C. HOOD, Vice Pres't L. T. HERITAGE, Cash'r J. M. STEELE, Asst Cash'r

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EMPORIA
NATIONAL BANK
CAPITAL & SURPLUS $150.000.

Emporia, Kas. Dec 9th 1886

Dear Mamma,

John is a little more "newsy" in his letter from Emporia of 11 February 1887:

Office of
L. Severy.
Fifth Avenue.

Emporia, Kansas, ... 188....

"---- I have finished examining the books at the bank and have the Deposit Ledger to keep together with some other work to look after, but have to have assistance which I have been assured of, if I would promise to take charge of it, and thus lift the care of that much from the Cashier who is also Manager of the bank work. I have the work pretty well under control, but will continue to improve parts of it, until it runs as smoothly as I want it to. ----

When you write to JULIA, tell her that I think of her occasionally, even if I dont write; I am not as much of a letter writer as I used to be. My letters are growing shorter, by speaking only of generalities, and leaving out the detail. ----" 12

We do not hear again from John until his letter from Emporia is written to his mother on 15 April 1887: 2

"---- Myrtle writes this week that Mary is well----Business here is good, firm and healthy. Society here is more settled than it is in some of the newer towns. I have some very pleasant acquaintances and spend some pleasant hours, socially; have withdrawn from the Ch. choir, but contribute toward its maintenance. Must get to work now----" 28

There isn't much news from John's letter of 3 March 1887:

"A busy week this is to all of us, and especially the bookkeepers. I have gotten along well with my work, and expect that this week will finish the extra rush of business. ---- By the way where is Charley Woods? He did not come to see me, and I have not heard from him. ----" 33

Three letters follow from John to his mother, again on Emporia National Bank stationery, on 13 May, 26 May and 1 June 1887. Only in the latter does he approach using his old newsy style: 2

"You will see by the paper I send you today that we have had a excursion from Kan. City, and western cities. There were ten or more car-loads in all, and after taking in the town, buying some Real Estate, they returned to their homes last night (12th) ---- I had a letter from Myrtle Haynes this morning: little news, but all well ----

I wrote to Aunt Fanny the other day, after having delayed some time since receiving her last letter, and I am in hopes of hearing from that quarter one of these days. ----" 16

"I send by mail today to Papa a new map of Emporia. I room at No. 422 Market St and take my meals at 508 Market St - near cor. of 5th Ave - this bank is on cor. of Commercial St and 5th Ave. - I marked no other places. ---- A letter from Cle yesterday reports him well, and going ahead in a business way. No late word from Ed, nor Mrs Haynes. I wrote to both lately, but perhaps they think it unnecessary to write now, as I am going down there on Sat. next and Spend Sunday and Monday with them. We have a holiday on Monday 30th - Decoration day - and therefore I take advantage of it: Will leave here at 4.20 PM - get there at 8.20 P.M. - leave there 7.40 P.M. Monday and arrive here at 12 Midnight. ---- Business is good, though not "booming" very 1 13 11

much."

"I enclose herewith a N.Y. Dft. for Five dollars (5.00) endorsed to your order:----

I went to Wichita as I expected and had a very pleasant visit though I was tired out when I got back here again. I found the children somewhat changed in size, eac one a little taller than they were when I last saw them. Mary knew me immediately ---- 28
I stayed at Ed's on Sat. night and at Mrs Haynes on Sunday 11
night: attended our Church on Sunday morning; in the afternoon Ed and I went out to the Cemetery: on Monday I called on some of the banks, took dinner with Mr. Fegtly, and a drive with him in the afternoon, attending the Memorial services at the Cemetery also. Ed and I took a short drive on Sunday morning too.

Wichita has spread a great deal and has made many improvements during the past Winter, and they are now erecting some handsome buildings, both business houses, and residences. The City seems to be full of people, and there is no abatement of the "rush" that has characterized Wichita so long.

I left there Monday at 7.40 P.M., so I had two full days, and feel well satisfied with my trip. This week we are very busy at the bank:----"

John's next two letters are written from his room in Emporia recovering from an illness and are dated 5 July and 13 July 1887:

"For two or three days past I have wanted to write to you, but have been unable for I am "laid up" with fever. Three weeks ago it commenced - with headache and slight fever every afternoon and kept increasing until I was forced to stop work a week ago. The Dr. gave me some heavy doses of quinine and some fever medicine too and has it "broken up" - he first said I had malarial fever but told me on Sunday that I had strong Typhoid symtems, but now would not have it. Yesterday afternoon my fever was light and I am in hopes that it will be light today - it commences at noon, and lasts until eight at night. During the morning I can walk about the house as much as my strength will allow, and sit in one of the easy-chairs, but when the fever is high I have to lie down most of the time. I have eaten nothing but toast & tea - three times a day since last Thursday morning not a bite, nor a drink of any kind between meals - except the medicine: and have not much strength of course. In a few days I hope to be at work again.

The folks here at the house where my room is have been very attentive, willing to do anything I would ask. - I have not troubled them to give me my medicine though.

During the latter part of the time I was in the bank, I only did the work that was absolutly necessary, I felt so miserable; so I wrote very few letters. I heard from Ed a few days ago, 11
and he is getting along very well. It is very likely that you will get a remittance toward the end of the month to help with the hay. Cle is "short" in funds, otherwise he could help us 13
out. I cant send any money until I can get out and attend to it myself. Ed will sell our property as soon as he can, and then we expect to be out of the pinch. And if I ever get out, I will stay out.

I have not heard from Aunt Fanny lately, I was in hopes that I could visit them on the Fourth but had to give up the idea. 16

The Fourth was celebrated well be Emporia people - several picnics, a horse race, and private gatherings. To me it was a long day, though I thought Sunday was longer, it was so quiet and had but one visitor. I have had a good many callers several young men, and the young ladies who board or take their meals at the same house where I do. - across the street and half a block north of here."

"I think that I wrote you last week that I would probably commence work on Monday: Well I did commence and got along pretty well with the work, but by night I was completely worn out; expected to feel better by morning, and continue the work but when morning came I was so weak that I concluded it best to "lay by" for a few days, and so, asked to be released which was pleasantly granted: this morning I feel better than I did yesterday morning, but by no means strong. I avoid over- exertion, but take short walks for exercise. I have no more fever now, so the Dr. has stopped giving me quinine and fever medicine, and gave me a tonic, commencing this morning.

I have not heard from Cle or Ed since I wrote to you last. Myrtle Haynes wrote that Mary and the rest of their folks were well. Cora went to Unionville to spend a few months.

I have the good fortune of having a nice place to "room": though my room is pleasant, it is not as cool as the rooms "down stairs" so I spend most of my time in the sitting room, and the folks here try to make me comfortable. This week I have been taking my meals at my regular place - Mrs Gray's - but yesterday, I was invited to stay here for dinner, as they had made some broth for one of the young ladies living here, who was not very well; and for me: it was very nice of course, and better than meat would have been.----"

Back at work, John sent a short note to his mother on 18 August 1887: 2

"---- Mary is well and growing fast", is the last word I rec'd - this morning from Myrtle. Business is quiet here, and the weather has been very warm, few rains until lately: much corn is damaged; dried up before it matured." 28

With his letter to his mother of 21 August 1887. John opens a new chapter of his life - a surprise too, for he had not even given us a hint before:

"In Kansas City, Mo, at No. 1223 Cherry St, - between 12th and 13th Sts, there lives a family by the name of Cartter, of Scotch descent, - viz Mr and Mrs. Cartter and two daughters, Anna B. and Minnie: the latter was married on Apr. 20th /87 to a Mr Keller, a postal Clerk on the U.P. Ry - bet. Kan. City and Denver: at present the new couple live "at home". Mr. Cartter is Supt. of Construction on the St Joe & Grand Island Ry. in Neb. with headquarters at St Joseph Mo. and has charge of 300 miles of Road, besides building 250 miles of new road westward to Denver.

The Cartter family, and Mrs W.H. Severy's family, the Bennetts, - were near neighbors in Ohio, and have been almost like relatives for the past 20 years or more: the Cartter folks have lived in Kan. City for 15 years or more, and the Bennetts have lived in Emporia about the same length of time. When the Kan. City folks visit this part of the country they stop and see W. H. Severy and wife at Reading - 16 miles from Emporia - and visit the Bennetts and Severys at Emporia. and whenever the folks from here visit Kan. City they call at the Cartter domocile.

Especially intimate, are Mrs W.H. Severy and Miss Anna Cartter, both about the same age (25). Miss Anna is now, and has been for several years past, employed by the U.S. as private Sec'y to the Asst. P.M. Mr. Potter; office in the Custom House, K.C. The Post Master - Mr Shelley - is merely a figure head; the Asst P.M. has the actual P.O. business to attend to, and Miss Anna being his Sec'y, she does a good share of the work, which is really hard only during the first and last weeks of the mo. All the postal clerks running out on the different roads from K.C. - some 200 or more are paid at K.C. and it is part of her duty to make the pay-rolls for them as well as all the employees in the K.C.-P.O. and to pay them on pay-day.

The accompanying photo ia a late one of Miss Anna, and a good likeness too, when she is composed. She is about 5 ft. 3 in. in height, of slender build, has dark hair and eyes: her manner is always pleasing, is thoroughly hospitable to all her friends, and seems to have a great many of them. Her intelligence, honesty of purpose, good disposition, etc. etc. etc. led me to become "interested" in her, and it has proven to be mutual, which has finally resulted in a betrothal, the consummation of which will perhaps be next fall; nothing definate.

I should have mentioned before that Miss Anna is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

The "match" is well received by her folks, and by the Bennetts and Severys here, and by our friends in general.

There is nothing especially private about the engagement, but I do not care to publish my affairs to the common public: use your own judgement in speaking of it.

My visits to K.C. have not interfered with my business, for the trains run on Sunday as well as during the week and I can leave here Sat. night 12 oclock, or Sunday 11.15 A M. and get back here Monday morning 3.45. One time when I was in K.C. Miss Anna and I called on Mr and Mrs Joe Roth, who live in Wyandotte, Ks just across the river from K.C. Mo. and took tea with them: they are doing well.

In writing this I have aimed to give you all the facts, without comment on my part, and to do it concisely. If you write to Miss Anna, please address her - Miss A. B. Cartter, c/o Asst. P.M., Kan. City, Mo.; in this way she gets her letters more promptly than to address them to her home.----"

From the Emporia National Bank, John wrote a short note on 8 September 1887 to his mother: 2

"---- Late letters from Ed, and Cle, report things in good condition with them. Aunt Fanny said in her last letter, that they would probably arrange to go to Ore. sooner than expected some time ago, as Mr Decker intended to move to Girard and go in some business. Nothing new about my my affairs, except that I spent last Sunday in K.C. I enclose herewith a map of K.C. that I intended to send you a short time ago. ----" 11,13 16

Edgar wrote home from Wichita on 12 September 1887 and included a brief reference to his brother: 11

"I haven't heard from John for several days but when I last heared, he was well and getting along alright."

We learn more of the wedding plans in John's answer of 22 September 1887 to his mother's letter which followed the announcement of his betrothal to Anna Belle: 2

"Your letter of 16th inst. came, day before yesterday and it was satisfying, even if you considered it a "go-between". I was satisfied you would like the indications of character in Miss Anna's photo, and will say that you will find her to be just as you have "read" her. We are preparing now for the wedding, which will take place some time in Nov., the date not designated yet; and the affair will be unpretentious, only the relatives and intimate friends invited, but every one welcome to attend who would care to, ie., made welcome if they attend. When everything is arranged for I will give you an account of it. I am in hopes that Cle or Ed can attend, and would like to have Aunt Fanny and Uncle James there too, but they will soon start for Ore. I have been in frequent communication with them during the past month or more, trying to arrange a meeting or visit, but have failed entirely. I wanted to visit them with Anna, directly after the wedding and then go to Wichita; but their going this month broke that plan. in my last letter I asked them if they could meet me in K.C. and go via A.T. & S.F. Ry. thus giving them an opportunity of visiting Anna, and my visit with them would be prolonged by my coming out as far as Emporia with them. A letter received from Aunt Fanny states that they have arranged to go via. the St. L. & S. Ry through Wichita without stopping but a few minutes, and will start Monday or Tuesday next so I despair now of seeing them. 11,13 15,16 16

I will go to Wichita on Sat. evening, to spend Sunday with the folks, and celebrate Cle's birthday, and return Sunday night. Ed wrote that Cle would be there on Sunday 25th and though I had intended to have gone last Sunday to see the folks, I postponed my visit for a week so that we might have a reunion.----" 13 11

On 8 October 1887, in his letter to his mother, Edgar adds a bit of news about John: 11,2

"Since I wrote you last, Cle has "been" and got married, they came here on their way home, staid from Thurs night 'til Monday morning, we all had a pleasant visit while they were here, John came down Sat night, and staid until Sunday night, that they were here, ---- John sent me a letter he got from Aunt Fanny last Sunday ----" 13 16

It is likely that we are missing a letter dated about a week before this one of 13 October 1887 because he makes no mention of his visit with his brothers in Wichita and meeting Cle's bride: 11,13

"I have a little time before going to supper, so will try and reply to your nice letter, though my answers may be brief. When I rec'd Aunt Fanny's last letter, saying when they would start, 16
I sent it immediately to Ed, and Ed wrote last week that he went to the depot Wed morning 6.30 and saw them - all were glad even for so short a visit - half an hour or less, probably. Elmer and his father are in the grocery business I believe and 30
may have other goods to sell; I have not heard the particulars. I think that Julia will be better satisfied in town and the 20
work for her will be lighter; more company to help fill up the gap made by her father and mother going away. They may go west too after a while.

I spent last Sunday in K.C. found all the folks well, and though the day was stormy and cool it was passed very pleasantly of course. Mr. Cartter was not home, probably on acct. of the rain.

We have concluded now to be married during the last week in November; Miss Anna will leave the P.O. on Nov. 1st and that will give her little enough time to get ready in. All the trip we will have will be out to Wichita for a few days and then back to Reading, where Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Severy live, for a day or so, and then home here. "No cards", therefore there will be no line drawn among acquaintances & friends as there sometimes is. We will board for a month or so, and select our house and outfit at our leisure - to keep house with. I have not rented our rooms yet, but when I do, will let you know where they are.

Mrs. Haynes and family received my announcement very well and were pleased with my prospects: they would have been just as much pleased if it had happened some time ago; for they desired that Mattie's request should be fulfilled after a reasonable time had elapsed. During our visit in Wichita we will divide our time between Mrs Haynes' house and Ed's. Mary will stay 11,28
with Mrs. Haynes this winter anyway, by her request."

We have one more note - a short one - from John before the wedding written on 28 October 1887:

"The days business is over, books put away, and in a short time I will go to supper, but before going, will drop a line to you, merely to say that affairs in this part of the globe are moving along smoothly. The folks at Wichita are well from last accounts. I have not heard from Aunt Fanny since she went West, ---- I rented a couple of furnished rooms the other day, next door to 16
the place where I take my meals, and will move in on Nov. 1st: expect to go to K.C. next Saturday Nov 5th, visit the Exposition on Sat. with Anna, and then we will make our final arrangements: will return here Sunday night."

The first letter to his mother after the wedding is written by 2
John from Emporia on 15 December 1887:

"Your letter of 5th inst. accompanied by yours to Anna Belle

arrived duely and was much enjoyed by us both, and as to your letter to Anna Belle I have to say that it was a great satisfaction to me as well as to her but I will let her make her own reply. ----

Well, we have passed over three weeks of our married life and all goes well, without any fears for the future: have had a good deal of company of course but have only returned one call; next week we will make some calls together, and Anna B. will make some alone; on Christmas eve. we will probably go to K.C. and I fear that the bank will not have a holiday on Monday as it is not made legal holiday in Kansas, so, I will have to come back Sunday night as I did formerly. Anna B. will stay until after New Years at home, and by the time she returns I will be over my "rush" of work for the first of the year. We have made no definate time to commence housekeeping, but rather look forward to Feb. lst as the time:----

Yesterday we received, by express, the rest of our Wedding presents from K.C. and have our rooms very prettily decorated now; wish you could drop in and spend an eve. occasionally with us.

Late word from Wichita states that all are well - Mary having been sick with cold, and fever, and Cora had been in bed for several days. 28

I don't know how often you hear from Ed or Cle - suppose you hear occasionally, therefore I repeat little or none of their news at any time. 11,13

I received a letter from Julia Decker at Girard - accompanied by a Smyrna rug about 2 ft x 3½ ft. by Express, for a Wedding present. She wrote that they liked town life, and grocery business better than farming: also that Charlie and Grace had a new boy at their house, and that Aunt Fanny had her hands full in consequence.----" 20 18,34 16

Our first news by the hand of Anna Belle was addressed to JULIA CLELAND as "My dear Mother" from Kansas City, MO, on 1 January 1888: 2

"I was very glad & pleased to hear from you and such a nice letter too that I hardly feel as though I could answer it but then I will do my best.

This is the first day of the New Year and everybody generally makes new resolutions but I have not made any new ones but will try and do better this year than I did last year. Of course this year my life will be entirely new & different but I think that we will (be) much happier. ---- John wrote you we were coming home for Christmas so we left Emporia last Sat. eve. on the mid-night train arriving at home Christmas morning. It was very cold but of course we enjoyed it being home among my friends & people we had a very Merry Christmas & received some very nice presents. Of course being married so near Christmas I didn't expect any Christmas but received quite a number and my lover John gave me a lovely pearl ring to match my jewelry he gave me for a Wedding Present. Mother the bridal gift you gave me I think is the best in the land of course but then I must not say too much for fear of making you tired of me. I only wish you & father could have been to our wedding although

not a swell affair we had a lovely quiet wedding & our friends remembered us so well in the way of presents. Of course John has told you all we received the first two or three weeks but the day before we came home I received a lovely blue plush embroidered pillow from one of my friends in Ohio who had just heard of the wedding & at home we found a large bronze pitcher & a half dozen of oxidized silver fruit knives in a lovely plush case so will take them home with me. John could not stay as long at home as I did but staid last Sunday & Monday. In the Afternoon (Monday) we went to a Gaslight Matinee here & staid until 6 PM came home ate our supper & he had to leave at 9.30 and I hated to see him leave I think worse than ever & oh I wish he was with us to-day but I will be with him next Sunday sure. You asked how the bride was dressed well she was dressed in a cream silk made walking length with a cream lace draperies, and natural flowers, no gloves nor veil - and my travelling suit is blue broad-cloth trimmed in blue braid & buttons with a long ulster and a hat to match & tan gloves."

According to the dictionary, an "ulster" is a long loose overcoat of Irish origin made of heavy material.

"We are looking forward to going to house keeping in Feb. or March & then we will be so happy now don't understand me that we are not happy now but then to be in our little home & doing for ourselves then - You ask who I left at home there is only four in our family - my father, Mother & sister & myself & we two girls have always been at home so it does seem hard for me to leave home - but then I am contented & they know I am so do not feel so badly - My sister tho' young(er) than I is married was married Apr. 20 - 1887 - 7 months before I was. ----

I will close wishing to me remembered to <u>all</u> - & Wishing you all a Happy New Year -

With love - Your daughter - Anna Belle M"

JULIA CLELAND received nine more letters from John and Anna Belle during the year of 1888, most sufficiently newsworthy to make us quite familiar with their lives in that time. The first letter, from Emporia, KS, as will be the rest, is dated 26 April 1888: 2

"---- We have been fixing up the screens for the doors and windows, cleaning up the yard, arranging for flowers etc: We have no house cleaning to do this spring, as we started so short a time ago, with every thing new and clean: ----

I rec'd a letter from Myrtle Haynes the other day in reply to one I wrote about Mary's coming. They are busy with their dress making, but by the middle of May Myrtle will be ready to bring her, and we will have arrangements made fully for her reception. 28

---- Supper is ready - Anna Belle joins in love to all."

The letter of 30 April 1888 was written by Anna Belle:

"---- I have been suffering with a very severe headache this afternoon but this evening I feel much better. ---- the first of last week was very warm so I started to make flower beds John spaded them up & on Thursday morning I planted a few slips

then my mother brought me several tube-roses so put them out ---- Nearly every afternoon after I have my work done I either go down town sometimes to meet John at the bank or to see some of my acquaintances. I am getting to feel very much at home here now but of course I get a little lonesome sometimes.

---- Last Friday was the Opening of "The Great Dry Goods Store" of Emporia from 2.30 to 9.30 P.M. and the display was elegant oh where you see so many pretty things you wish you were a millionaire but I want a home first & the luxuries afterward.

They had a band of music stationed in the centre of the store and they played some very fine music - although it was a very disagreeable day there was quite a number out. Sat. eve. they repeated the concert so John & I went down but he could not stay as he had to work so I staid there awhile then came to the bank.

Yesterday, John had to work a while in the morning but came home in time to go to church so we went to church & heard a very good sermon but a little too long -

It was 1 o'clock by the time we got home then I had to get dinner we had a very good dinner & the frish strawberries oh they tasted so much better of course than if they were plenty. Later in the afternoon we had callers then when they left we went as far as the Post Office.

To-night he has to work again so I am here at the bank not assisting him but answering my letters. ---- If nothing happens by this time and next month Mary will be with us - & I do hope 28
she may be contented & happy in her new home ----

Neither my grandma on my mother's side nor father's side are living but my great-grandmother lives in Morristown N.J. Hampton Babbitt

My Grandpa on my mother's side Wm. J Lounsbury is living in Camden Ohio - he thinks of coming west this spring sometime and he will probably come to see us.

Yes my mother has been visiting us and oh I did enjoy her visit so much but I thought it wasn't long enough - but think my sister Minnie will probably come down this month but I don't know sure. She was married just one year last Friday & she celebrated her anniversary by giving a supper - she got one very handsome from her better-half a set of cluster diamond ear-rings ----"

John wrote two very short notes on 31 May and 27 July 1888, respectively:

"I enclose herewith N.Y. Ex #141936 for Five dollars 5.00, endorsed to your order.

I recd a letter from Cle on Monday saying he would start for 13
Bussy Ia. on Sat. and would go thro' here at noon and reqested that we should meet them at depot. I replied immediately that we would, but wanted them to stop off - over Sunday. I rec'd a card this morning saying that they w'd start Thurs night - & be here at 1.10 AM. tonight & stay with us until Sat. Minnie came from Reading Tuesday 28th and will go home to K.C. on Sat;

so after this week we will have rather a quiet time of it for a while. ----"

"I have no news, except to say that it is very warm this morning 90° in the bank.

I have not heard from Ed since 10 days ago; and not from Cle since June 7th: 11,13

We are all well and send love to all"

John's next three letters, all written from his home on 24 August, 20 September and 27 September 1888 are longer and are much more newsy:

"Last evening and the evening before, after I came home from the bank, I was busy out of doors, and when I finished was too tired to write, and thought I would find some time at the bank this morning but I did not, and here I am at home Friday afternoon, and no letter sent home this week. I have not accomplished any great things about the premises, but have been nailing fast the loose ends about the barn and house, and made a 14 ft. ladder this week: now the grass is high again and I will mow that next week in the mornings. ---- Mrs Cartter is anxious to see Mary. Anna Belle has been pretty busy lately with Mary's clothes, and making some jelly, and will be ready to go home about the middle of Sept. Mrs Haynes wrote that she thought of visiting us in Sept. but we have had no additional word from her, and am not sure she will come.----" 28

"I have just finished my supper, and will now have a few words with you, and then read a little before retiring. I have had a severe cold in my head for the past two or three days, and having some fever with it, have felt quite worn out when evening came, so that yesterday and today I did no work after I came home, though I have a number of jobs that I want to accomplish before the daylight is cut off too short for out-door work. I feel better this eve, than last, and expect to be <u>well</u> in a day or so.

I hear from Anna Belle frequently: they are enjoying their visit very much; Mary makes acquaintances quickly and is well entertained there with the "Aunties" and "Grandmas" and "Grandpas". This is the big week in K.C.: on the evening of the 18th was the Trades procession and on the 21st the "Priests of Pallas" parade and Ball; and during the whole week the Kan.-City Fair with horse racing, and of course the Exposition is open now - Sept. 10th to Nov 1st - I have not decided when I will go, but when I do, it will be for a short visit, perhaps only a day. 28

Today Barnum's Circus is here and the town was full of people and there are a good many here still, attending the evening performance. I did not attend.

I have not heard from Ed, for more than a week, nor from Mrs Haynes for a long time, so have no outside news.----" 11

"---- In the afternoon I have an hour or so of daylight, which I have filled in lately with some work I have at home; <u>now</u> am making a new cistern - platform and have it nearly completed. This week I had a visit from "Grandpa Lonsberry" - ie Mrs.

Cartter's father, who had been visiting the folks at K.C. and came here to see the Bennetts and me: he returned to K-C today, and in a short time goes to see his mother in Morristown N.J. and then to his home in Camden Ohio. Anna Belle writes that they are seeing all the sights, and visiting with her friends, and enjoying it of course very much: Mary is "at home" and is considerably noticed I think: ---- I dont expect them back home for two weeks yet, nor is there any necessity of their returning sooner: I take breakfast & dinner down town at the "Bon Ton" @ 3.50 per week (ie 21 meals) and get my supper at home. 28

I have no word from Ed or Cle, though expect to hear from Ed in a day or two. Cora & Logan Little & family have moved to K.C. to live, as Logan thought he could do better there. Anna Belle and Mary will go to see them while there. 11,13

I hear occasionally from Mrs Haynes: she and Myrtle live in part of a house on Main St. a few blocks from business center (Wichita.) and are sewing, dress making. Dell Haynes is in Hutchinson Ks with his hack and team and is getting along well: they miss Mary very much; I sent them one of the new photos and they were much pleased with it.----" 28

John broke a record for brevity in his note of 1 October 1888:

"I enclose herewith N.Y. Dft for Five dollars (5.00) and have no time to write more - All well, K.C. - Wichita, & here,"

but he made up for it in his last letter of the year dated 20 December 1888:

"Your letter written on the 14th came to hand today, and that, with Maggie's letter to Ed which he sent us to read, gave us a pretty thorough understanding of the condition of things: it is to be hoped now that Maggie will get the rest, she needs so much: how fortunate for you folks that JULIA is there to shoulder some of the work and help wait on the sick babies." 7,11 12

Maggie's son, Howard, had died on 6 December 1888. 35

"I am glad to hear that Papa has recovered from his severe attack, and hope he will not have a return of the trouble. Does Theo. expect to be gone long? 1 26

Anna Belle is finishing up her Christmas work, and has sent some of the articles: her present to you was sent this morning by Registered Mail, and will get there by the time Santa Claus does, and I will add right here that these are her work, and she made some of the same kind for her mother. I am making no presents this year, so you folks need not feel slighted. ----
Anna Belle has been making for Mary a "rag doll" - made of muslin and stuffed with cotton, painted face and hands, jointed knees etc; wears a No 2 infants shoe, so you may know there is a considerable work on the clothes as well as the body.----
I had a pleasant surprise about ten days ago when Major Hood Prest came to me one morning, and after asking what my salary was at present, said, "well, for next year it will be 1200.00 for which I thanked him of course; so now I am in hopes that I can "get out of the woods" one of these days - We have consid- 28

erable indebtedness to meet, but have something to show for it in real estate etc: the rate of interest is pretty high, mostly 10% and 12% which of course is a burden, and we are trying to figure out of it. I expect to set out some fruit and shade trees in the spring, about our house and grounds, but will get small trees - 6 to 8 ft. - to insure their growth, and the cost will be but a few dollars: strange to say, there is only one tree on this place and that is a large Cottonwood on the back of the lot.

I will say Good-night now With a Merry Christmas to you all"

The Emporia National Bank letterhead was altered by John to list C. Hood as President, and W. T. Soder replacing Hood as Vice President.

Thirty-three letters were written by John or Anna Belle to JULIA CLELAND, every one from Emporia, KS, in 1889. The year began as the previous ended; on a sad note with the death of John's father, JOHN JACOB MESSERVE, on 11 January 1889. John's first letter, a very short one, is dated 1 January 1889: 2 1

"I send you enclosed herewith N.Y. Dft. for Five dollars (5.00) I am at the bank this morning working on pass-books, but will spend the afternoon and eve. at home. We have a holiday all day, but it being the first of the year and month, take advantage of the holiday to get a good start on the work.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year and with love to all ----"

The next letter was written "at home" on 11 January but the postscript was added at the bank on 12 January 1889:

"---- this afternoon at 2.45 I received, at the bank the message from Maggie that Papa was dying, and I replied immediately -"I cannot go" - and addressed it to "M. C. Leonhard Paterson N.J." - how you are to get it promptly I dont know, but suppose that was arranged for. After having read your letter to Anna Belle I was not wholly unprepared for such a message and if I was better fixed financially and thought I could do much good by going, I would go. I am very sorry that we are all so scattered, especially at this time, and regret exceedingly that we boys cannot all go home. I suppose you have notified Ed and Cle - otherwise I would have telegraphed them today. I have gone over all the ground in my thoughts this afternoon, and can imagine your feelings, your doings etc the weather so bitterly cold---- and I suppose you are going to Bay Cemetery. There is an uncertainty about the message sent me, but I suppose Papa has passed away by this time - 8.30 P.M.- I shall anxiously await particulars: wish I could do something to lessen the burden to you; but words are empty. ----" 7,1 11,13

"PS - I received a message from Ed this morning to the effect that - Papa died last night funeral next week - so I suppose you sent him a later one, and this settles the question, to me. Now we know that he is relieved of all earthly pain, and that of course relieves our minds. 11

I am very sorry that I could not have started last night for home, to have been there to attend the funeral at least, but I

would have had to borrow the money for the trip, and then too, my stay would have been so short there that I could do little good - so I concluded not to go. I hope you will bear up well, and see some light in this dark cloud"

A few days later, 17 January 1889, John writes again:

"---- During the past week a number of letters have passed between Ed and me, so we are both informed as to each one's information. Now we want to know all the particulars and how you are getting along: I know it has been a hard trial, though not entirely unexpected, and more of a shock to you than you anticipated, but I think few could take such trouble more calmly than you. I am glad to say that we are all well here: ----"

There is not much to record from John's letter of 8 March 1889 that is of interest, so only his reference to his garden is copied:

"---- I have ordered shade and fruit trees, and some small fruits which I hope to have all set out by the end of this month: have some lawn grass seed ready to sow, as soon as I get the lawn ready for it. ----"

John's letter of 15 March 1889 makes it clear that he wrote additional letters to his mother or Maggie that have not been saved for us. It appears that John had written something that wasn't well received: 2,7

"Your nice long letter of 4th & 6th arrived on Sun 10th, and was quite satisfactory: I forwarded it to Ed yesterday. 11

There is nothing I can add to what I have already written in regard to the settling up of affairs. I did not intend to make any suggestions, in my letter to Maggie, as to how things should be arranged, for that was all attended to before she wrote. I think that Theo. did the best he knew, and I dont want him to think that I am dissatisfied with him. 7 26

As far as your investing the money is concerned, I only wanted to say what I can do with it here and then you can decide where to place it. If you are content to leave it where it is for a year, or if you care to make a change inside of that time, "You'r the doctor".

Now that I understand the condition of Aunt M's claim I dont agree to you paying your little all on that indebtedness, but rather to do as you have suggested, or concluded, ie. keep an eye out for a purchaser, and then reimburse Aunt M.: if any thing remains add it to your "fund".----" 24

The most significant change revealed in the letter of 22 March 1889 is John's reference to his mother's request that he stop sending her a monthly remittance:

"---- Anna Belle and Mary went to Kan.-City yesterday on the noon train, and will visit with the folks for three weeks or so: during their absence I am going to clean the walls and ceiling of the kitchen, and paint them: last night I was sand papering some of the woodwork and will paint all of that too. I 28

received this week the fruit trees that I ordered, and set out some gooseberry bushes and black berry bushes; on account of a heavy rain we had last Sunday the ground is too wet to set out the trees, and some strawberry plants I have I did not intend to stop my monthly remittance until you spoke of it, but of course it will come in good to me, to help pay some that I owe, but when you need some, dont fail to let me know.----"

A short note follows on 5 April 1889:

"---- I expect to go to K.C. on Sat. night and return Sun. night: Anna Belle reports an enjoyable visit: she is in Brookfield, Mo. today and will return to K.C. tonight.

I rec'd a paper from Hutchinson Ks on Sun. stating that Myrtle Haynes was married to a Mr Pritchard of Wichita on 27th ult. - they went to Wichita, Mrs Haynes accompanying them.----"

Two more short notes follow, on 13 April and 20 April 1889, respectively; the latter with a bit of national history:

"---- Anna Belle and Mary returned from K.C. yesterday, all well, except a little cold.

I have not heard from Ed lately, and only a short note from Cle last week. ----" 11,13

"----We are all well, and busy with, house cleaning, planting and other work out of doors:----

The opening of Oklahoma makes quite a stir in this State, and many hundred will go there only to be disappointed for there are more people than acres, according to late reports.---"

Anna Belle writes the next letter; a long one with a postscript by John on 29 April 1889:

"Your very pretty Easter greeting greeted me this last week and was very kind of you to remember me on that day. Easter Sunday here was lovely and the churches were decorated beautifully I can speak for one church and that was the Presbyterian for we all attended that church in the morning. I don't think I ever saw so many flowers in a church before as they had here of course at home they always have great decorations that day but it didnt seem to me they had as many as they had here and then we heard a very nice sermon also.

In the afternoon we (Jno. Mary & I - I mean when I say we) went over to Mrs. Bennetts to make a call for you know Mary and I 28
have been to K.C. on a visit and Mrs Bennett is my Mother's school-mate so went over to tell her about our visit. We were home three weeks and of course had a nice time and then I had never seen my sisters baby and I did enjoy it - ---- So JULIA 12
(may I call her that) has a baby how are they getting along - 36
nicely I hope and Maggie family I hope are enjoying good health 7
now - I was very much surprised to hear of the new arrival at 37
Cle's but glad all is well the last we heard from them was that 13
Elsie was going home - nothing later. Jno Received a short let- 38
ter from Ed. yesterday and report all well.

Since we came home have been spending the last two weeks in cleaning house not rushing through but just taking my time and Jno has been helping me of course and he is a good hand helping then he has been making a little garden and between times helped me with my flower beds.----

While we were gone - Jno. painted all my kitchen and pantry and just before made me a cup-board and you don't know how nice it looks in our kitchen and pantry -

To-night Jno. has to work and it is now nine o'clock and I am listening to the foot steps as they pass by thinking well Jno. will be the next. Mary is growing quite fast and keeps well----" 28

John uses a new letterhead of the Emporia National Bank for his letter of 7 June 1889 but wrote very little of interest to us:

"---- I have not finished all the hard out-door work that I wanted to before warm weather, and still occupy my mornings and evenings about the yard; hardly have time to read the newspapers: ---- Commencement exercises are in full blast here now - Pres. College; High School, & State Normal.----"

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Emporia, Kas. June 7 1889

Dear Mamma,

and even less news in his next of 21 June 1889:

"---- I rec'd a letter from Ed this morn: he reports all well there. We are well and getting along in the same old fashion." 11

As if to make up for the brevity of his recent notes, John's letter of 30 June 1889 is six pages long and he provides us with a sketch of his yard besides:

"---- Our garden is not very extensive this year for I had to make it where it was sod last year, but we have had green wax beans twice, and a good supply of radishes and lettuce: our sweet corn is commencing to tassell, and tomatoe plants are blossoming, and still I considered our garden late. I set out 13 elm trees outside of the fence - 4 in front and 9 on the side street, and all leaved out finely except one that has small leaves but no new growth yet. Also set in the front and side yard 2 Blk walnut, 2 chestnut, and 2 maple, got from Neb.- the first Chestnut trees I have seen out west, though I heard of a grove of them in Mo.: also have 3 apple, 2 plum, 2 cherry, 2 pear, 1 crab apple, and one quince. trees set in back yard - all are growing nicely: then we have a row of Concord grape vines on each side of the walk leading from the kitchen door to the barn - straight back thro' the middle of the back yard; next year I will need to build an arbor. I made a fowl yard

south of the barn, 12 ft x 15 ft. - 7 ft high - 2 x 4 in posts - a fence strip top & bottom, and center, and one on top of the posts; and wire netting - 2 in. mesh - stretched tightly over this frame work on sides only, not on top. the door is made of the netting on a frame too: the wire braces the structure, besides the posts being set in the ground a foot; and the wind has little effect upon the wire, compared with lathe. We have only a few fowls, 3 hens and a rooster - one of the hens has ten chicks - four weeks old, and I have one hen setting, but dont expect much from her.

Besides painting the kitchen and pantry, I painted the fence, one coat and it adds to the appearance very much. In the winter we thought we could not do much in the way of improvements this year, but by doing the work ourselves the only expense has been cost of material. I have spent nearly every evening and morning at work - since Jan. and have succeeded in getting things in shape by the "Fourth" as I wanted to, and now while the weather is hot, I will just keep things in order, mow the grass about every ten days, and not attempt any big work until cool weather in the fall. Our Mediria vines are growing skyward very fast, and where the strings are covered, the side porch will be covered, except a "doorway", and the back door will look as though there is a hidden porch there, for I made a frame work - shielding the door and window on the west and extending away from the house eight ft.

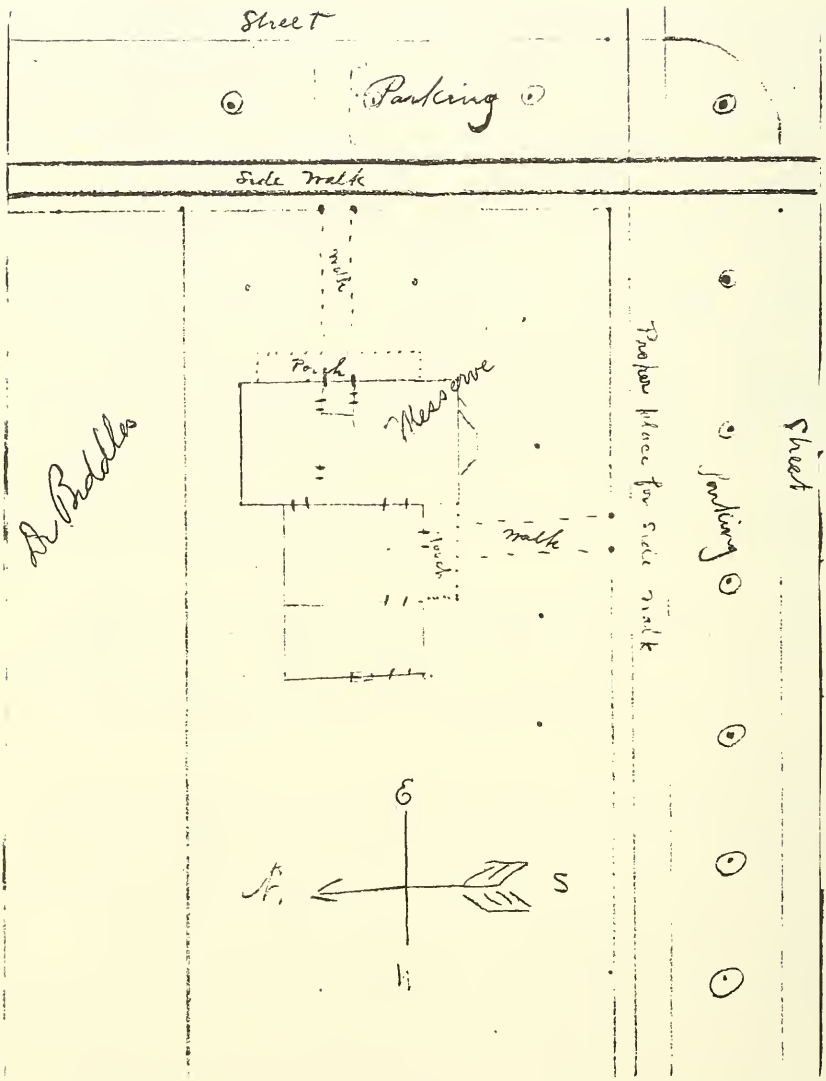
Early in the spring I set out in 3 rows 65 strawberry plants ("Cresent") and we had a dozen or more good berries from them enough for a taste, and now the plants are sending out numerous runners which I am confining to the rows, and it makes a solid mass of leaves now in each row, size of bed about 4 ft. x 14 -: We hope for good returns next year. We have a few gooseberry bushes, black berry, and black cap - black raspberry as they are called here.

You asked how many feet we have, well - we are on the N.W. corner of the Street - giving us a south and east frontage - the front or east is 50 ft and the south or side is 130 ft.: then we are allowed - on all the streets - 20 ft out from the fence for trees, grass, or otherwise to beautify - the side walk is laid about 2 ft from the fence and is 4 ft wide, so that makes the space or parking, outside of the sidewalk to the line of the street, or to the gutter, 14 ft. Most of the parkings are covered with grass with a row of trees through the middle of it. You see our country is comparitively level and our streets are 100 to 150 ft. wide.

We have all been well this Season, and Mary gets along alright, 28
is well, and busy all the time; sometimes good, and sometimes about as bothersome as any other children. I dont hear much news from Ed, but they were well when I last heard. We expect 11
Mrs. Haynes from Wichita about the Middle or last of July, and from here she will go to Unionville Mo. on a visit. We have made no plans for the Fourth; will have a holiday of course.

Give our love to all the folks."

The sketch John drew on the back of the fifth page of his letter is reproduced on the next page.



The next five letters follow in weekly intervals with dates of 7 July, 14 July, 21 July, 28 July and 4 August 1889:

"---- Last week was a busy one at the bank; the Fourth was duely celebrated here with picnics, races, and base-ball, but we staid at home, as much on account of the heat as anything else, and in the cool of the evening took a walk and made a couple of calls.

On Friday, Capt. Heritage our Cashr started with some others for a trip through Europe, to be gone 6 or 8 weeks. I have not heard of any others in the bank who will take vacations. ----

We hear occasionally from Anna Belles mother, who is in Indianapolis Ind with her father "Grandpa Lounsberry" who is quite low with cancer in the stomach: ---- We sent him an assortment of the flowers from our yard which seemed to please him. Minnie and baby are at home in K.C., but expected to go for a month visit to Leavenworth K's this summer, and we expect her down here sometime, but no particular time seems to be decided upon."

"---- We were agreeably surprised on Wed. afternoon when a carriage drove up to the gate and Will, Minnie and the baby got out; Will had to return to K.C. on Thurs. but Minnie and the baby will stay a week or two, and Will expects to come down next Sunday. ---- Mrs Cartter is still in Indianapolis and her father is very low, ---- No late word from Mrs Haynes. A short letter from Ed reports all well there. No letter from Cle lately. ----" 11,13

"---- Minnie and baby are with us yet, and Will came from K.C. last night, and will stay until tomorrow. ---- Our trees and flowers look well, and have stood the warm weather alright: We have no water works in our yard but hope to have some day: With a barrel under the water spout we have caught enough from the Summer showers to water the plants etc without taking any from the cistern. Caught a barrel-full last night. We are all well though have complained some from billiousness or some other light disorder which simple remedies and care soon corrected: ----"

A "cistern", according to the dictionary, is an underground tank for storing rainwater.

"---- Mrs Haynes came last Thursday from Wichita and is now at John Haynes' house, taking care of Jno's Wife who is sick: Mary went over there this morning for a visit, and will be back some time this afternoon. Minnie and baby will not go home until next week when Will expects to come down for them. 28

I have heard from Ed since I wrote you last; they are all well, nothing new down there, ----" 11

"This has been rather a quiet Sunday for us compared with the last two, for Minnie and the baby went home with Will yesterday at noon. Yesterday afternoon, we neighbors of Union St. and a few others went out to a Mr Smith's in the country, about 4 miles N.E. of town, for a picnic supper, and got home about dark: had a very nice time. Mrs Haynes is still at Jno Haynes' whose wife, Emma, is getting well now ---- Ed writes that all are well and he is very busy.----" 11

We have three short letters from John written on 8 September, 15 September and 22 September 1889 with very little real news except about the weather which we generally do not record:

"---- We expect Mrs Haynes back from K.C. some time this month on her way home to Wichita. ---- Ed writes that all are well, 11

at Wichita, ----

last week it was so cool that we had all our windows closed for a couple of days, and had a small fire in the heating stove (wood). We have no cook-steve beside the gasoline stove, and that makes no heat: expect to buy a stove before winter. ----"

"I received Maggie's letter last Monday and was very glad to 7
hear from her---- Ed writes that all are well there. No letter 11
from Cle lately. I send with this mail a phote of Mrs Haynes 13
and Mary, that was taken when she was here: Mrs H. left it to 28
be sent to you."

"---- Mother Haynes came last Friday afternoon, and staid with us until last night when she went over to John Haynes to spend today (Sun): She will be back here for a few days before going home. I spent last week patching our shingle roof with new shingles, and put some new tin around the chimneys; have some more to do up there, and some painting too, before the roof etc will be ready for winter; our neighbors - Biddles and Winans, have painted their houses entirely outside, but our purse is not fat enough to do anything as elaborate this fall.----"

John's letter of 6 October 1889 is so full of news, we quote it in its entirety. This letter gives us our first news that JULIA 2
CLELAND is contemplating a trip to the west to see her sons and their families as well as other friends and relatives:

"Your letter of 29th ult enclosed with your's and Papa's photo 2,1
we received on Wednesday, of last week and was much pleased to hear from you, and to have the photo: yesterday Anna Belle received your letter to her and the "Souvenir of Mauch Chunk" and we think it very interesting: I will let her reply to your letter in her own way: About your trip westward, I think the winter not very desirable for a number of reasons, but if you could start as soon as the weather is settled in spring, you will have a long time ahead of you to make the rounds, and you will find the country green with foliage and grass, and crops, and not looking so bare and barron as it does in winter. You should make a list of the families you want to visit and then get the addresses correctly, map out your route so as to avoid going over one route twice, thus losing time and money, and I think you will enjoy it very much. We will hardly look for you this fall, but will expect you in the spring: between now and then let me know about the ones you want to visit, and I will help you figure out a route.

Mrs Haynes was here all last week and on Sat. left for Wichita and took Mary with her: next week John Haynes will go to Nor- 28
wich K's to attend his sisters wedding, and in coming home, 28
last of the week will stop in Wichita and bring Mary home with him.

On Monday or Tuesday of this week we expect Anna Belle's mother and Aunt Cal Taylor of Indianapolis, Ind. and baby Willie Taylor; they will stay a week or two probably, and after that we will do our housecleaning.

I have not much work about home to do this fall, except to build a platform across the back of the house 16 ft. long and 6 ft.

wide for a porch, but will not put a roof on it this fall: I finished patching the house roof and tinning around chimneys and painting valleys and chimneys last of last mo.

Today is cool, sunny, and no wind; a beautiful fall day: We attended the Episcopal Church this morn, and think of attending the Presbyterian Ch. tonight."

The following two letters of 13 October and 20 October 1889 are also newsworthy:

"---- We attended the Presbyterian Church this morning, and have staid at home the rest of the day. ---- I have about completed the back porch platform; the next thing to do, is to clean house which will take us a couple of weeks to get the house in shape for the winter - carpets to clean, stoves to blacken, wood work to clean, and numerous other things.

We received cards today, announcing the marriage of Ella Haynes to Rev Mr Wallace on Thurs. 10th inst., and I suppose John Haynes will leave there (Norwich) this eve. and will be here about midnight bringing Mary with him: it has been very quiet here while she has been away, Anna Belle and "Auntie Biddle" missing her more than I did. On Tuesday afternoon Mother Cartter and Aunt Cal. and Willie came, but as Aunt Cal. expected to be at home in Indianapolis by today, they returned to K.C. on Wednesday noon train, which was an unexpected disappointment all round. 28

Today is Anna Belle's birthday and Santa Claus left a sewing chair (rocker) before she was up this morning.----"

"---- We commenced house cleaning first of the week and accomplished the front room, bed-room and closet and changed the wood stove from the dining room where it has been all summer, to the front room: tomorrow we will commence on the dining room and then do the kitchen and pantry, put up coal heater in dining room, and new cook stove in kitchen.

Mary did not come home Sunday night last, but came Monday night instead; had some cold, but is better now: she had a good time of course----" 28

John devoted his entire letter of 22 October 1889 to a business proposition to his mother: 2

"It will be probably four months before Mr. Leonhard's note will be due; and at maturity of the loan you will have a question to decide, which to me seems to have several parts: now in the first place I think it is well to begin arrangements too early than too late, and that is the reason I broach the subject now.

Viewing it from your standpoint, you have to decide whether or not you want to loan your fund again or do something else with it in regard to "Squaw Brook" or what-not? that is the first part! Secondly, to whom, and at what rate per cent, in case you loan it? If you do else with it, I think, I should not say anything unless requested to; but in regard to loaning it, I think it best to loan at the highest rate, regardless of who takes

it; because it is merely a business transaction and you ought to make all there is to be made; provided always that you get proper security.

I say all this with a just appreciation of, and due deference to Mr. Leonhard's part in the present year's program, which is one reason why I speak of it early, so that he may protect himself in time, in case of a change. So much for your side of the question.

Last spring the Kansas Legislature passed a law making the legal interest in Kansas 6%, with a privelege of 10% on contract; so that the banks are loaning money now at 10% instead of twelve, and private money can be had from 6% to 10%: the law will probably stand for 5 to 20 years.

Now Ed and I propose to pay you 9%, payable at end of each month, for part of your fund; Or 25.00 per month - payable same way, for all of it, (which is 3300.00 isn't it?) Of course it is understood that we give ample security. I have not figured it up, but we owe as much as this I think, on our real estate purchases, which real estate is worth 3 or 4 times as much; and we are paying 7%, 8%, 9%, and 10% on different parts respectively, and to strangers too, strictly speaking. We think that you might as well have the benefit of it, instead of them.

Now in conclusion will say, when you decide what you will do, and in case you favor us with the loan, we will draft our plan, and give an account of our securities & in detail; then if all is satisfactory to you, you can execute the change.

I will send this letter to Ed to read and add any thing he has to say, when it will be forwarded to you.----" 11

but goes back to "home" news the following week on 27 October 1889:

"---- last night we had the first hard frost of the season, killing the tomatoe vines etc of course; our medaria vines look pretty well yet, and we will not pull them down until the frost cuts them enough to kill them. During the past week we cleaned the dining room and kitchen, and put up the dining room coal stove in north end of room, running stove pipe over bed-room door into the bedroom to the chimney there; making about 8 ft. of pipe in bed-room, which will help to warm it, besides the stove being near the door, the heat is thrown into the bed-room easily

Our kitchen stove has not arrived yet, but expect it this week. We had to take up our geraniums last Friday on acct. of the expected frost, and have had the potted plants in the house two nights.----"

John contimues to keep us up to date with letters each week of November 1889 on the 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th respectively:

"---- I am in the midst of my busy time of the month, but will soon be through, and when that is done will clean up our garden etc and put everything in shape for the winter. ----"

"---- Our vines are down; frosted on Friday night last: This week I expect to gather up the trash about the yard, and clean

up generally, for winter: was busy at the bank last week. I received Maggie's letter yesterday, and we are very glad that she 7
is getting along so well, and also that JULIA has recovered. 12
---- I sent Maggie's letter to Ed today ---- 11

We have our new cook-stove set up at last: put first fire in it yesterday morning, kept fire all day and last night, baked biscuits this morning, and altogether it seems to work very well. "Popular Garland" We may have some changes at the bank on Jan. lst, but Major Hood assured me yesterday that there would be no change in regard to me, and that they wanted me to stay, so we are elected for another year in Emporia, and are glad of the settled condition of things."

"---- attended a Presbyterian Church social on Tuesday at Major Hood's and Anna Belle attended an afternoon reception on Friday at L. Severy's. ---- dug up the Medaria roots and have three bushels, which will shrink to 2 or 2½ when picked over and dry. ----"

"---- Yesterday was our Wedding anniversary and to celebrate it we had an extra dinner, and on account of its being the "Paper Anniversary" Mother Cartter brought us a large handsome book, at the time she came down in Oct.

We have been invited to spend Thanksgiving-day at Reading with the Severys' and will go up on the morning train Thurs., but I have to return on the night train, and the rest of the family will come on Fri. afternoon train.----"

The last two letters we have of the year were written by John on 1 December and 22 December 1889:

"---- On Wednesday night it was very cold, and when we arose Thursday morning early to get ready to go to Reading, we found the weather very cold, with the wind blowing from the north west: however, we got ready and left on the 8 A.M. freight train and arrived at the farm at 9.15 - a very quick trip: besides us three, there were several of their friends from Reading, at din- 28
ner. I came home on Thurs. night train, and Anna Belle and Mary came Friday afternoon. On Friday eve, we attended an "At home" reception given by Mr & Mrs C.S.Cross and Mr & Mrs H.C. Cross - 8 to 10 o'clock for some, and 9 to 11 o'clock for others: we were there between 8 & 10. The coming weeks before Christmas will have Several Church fairs and Church entertainments, and at Christmas time will be the usual number of "Trees", and altogether the winter will be lively enough in Emporia it seems.

Ed writes that all are well there, but has little news beside. ----"

"---- On Friday last we mailed to you a package of Christmas remembrances: on account of the extra amount of mail matter at this time of year we sent it early, that it may reach you in time.

We will spend Christmas at home this year, and may have some company for dinner. I think that Santa Claus will remember each of us with something, though nothing extravagant.----"

From a volume standpoint, we have less than one-third the number of letters from John or Anna Belle, all from Emporia, KS, written to JULIA CLELAND in 1890 than the year before but the entire Summer of this year, JULIA was traveling throughout the Midwest for a joyful reunion with her three sons and many relatives and friends. It does seem odd that in no letter since John's of 6 October 1889, does he mention the contemplated trip. The first letter is written by Anna Belle on 1 January 1890: 2

"---- Jno. is home this afternoon but worked until noon & is off only this afternoon. it does not seem at all like Christmas week for everything has been so exceedingly quiet with us and too there has been no snow to make it seem like Christmas.

We spent a very pleasant day Xmas suppose Jno. told you we had company that day & the day following. We were all well remembered that day for which receive my thanks for the lovely Xmas card from you. it came on Xmas morning just when I was preparing my turkey.

The Munck Chunck I often times look at and wonder if there ever will be a time that we can take that route East, for it must be a lovely sight I have never been farther East than Cincinnati Ohio.

Well now the holidays are nearly over I will have to sit down and work begin for spring sewing for a little one requires many changes in summer time but oh Mary grows so fast it will not be long until we can call her nothing but a big girl now - 28
My Mother sent me a lovely oak easel for Xmas and I have it dressed up in one of my Xmas throws or scarfs & "Rob't Burns & Highland Mary" You have seen that picture Many & Many a time.

---- We received Cle's baby's picture Xmas think it is an awful bright looking little one. I am sorry Elsie doesn't get any better of her Asthma but I don't think she will get any better for I don't think there is any cure for it. I wish you could see my two lovely bagoinas they are just full of blossom especially the red one. We had fried chicken for dinner to-day one of our own and it tasted very nice. 37 38

This being New Years Day there are several keeping open house but I have not seen any going by who looked as if they were out calling - well our door is always open to any one who may care to come & see us.

Jno. is out tending to his chickens he takes lots of pleasure with them and now we get eggs I told him I thought I would go around and sell eggs for my pin money but I am afraid my money would not buy me more than one or two spools of thread.

Mary keeps well and seems very happy is out playing in the yard now. With lots of love from Jno. Mary & I to all and hoping to hear soon for I love to get a letter from you and wishing you a Happy New Year. 28

I am yours - Anna Belle Messer've

P.S. Did Jno tell you that among our Xmas presents that I rec'd a pair of black silk hose from Paris and Mary a stran of beads turquoise I guess from Venice a friend of mine has been over there and brought them to us -" 28

The first letter of the year from John that we have is dated 26 January 1890:

"It is now nearly bed-time but I must write now, for I will have no time tomorrow, at the bank. ---- On Thursday last at 4.30 P.M. "Nellie Bly" passed through Emporia, and the special stopped about five minutes at the depot to change engines; I was there with the rest of the crowd, probably 200 persons, and "Nellie" came out on the back platform and "waved" a "how do you do" to the crowd while conversing with the reporters who boarded the car.

Our hens have done better lately than they did when I last spoke of them, today I got 6 eggs, the largest number yet - 21 in the last 7 days.----

Letters from Kan-City state that Minnies baby Evalena has the whooping cough, and is teething, so they have their hands full just now, and "Pa" Cartter has the Grippe. We are getting along alright yet, taking quinine pills, cough pelletts, etc from time to time, as we think our condition needs:----"

Three short notes follow from John dated 2 February, 9 February and 16 February 1890:

"---- We had for dinner today a young pullet from our hennery; one of the last brood we raised, and it was tender enough to fry-: the total number of eggs for Jan. is 65, and as they are worth 1¢ each here now, they amount to something in the way of food.----"

"The day is past, and supper over: Mary has about learned all her letters, finishing them during the past week, and is now making letters on her slate: she counts as far as seven, and knows something of the routine of the days of the week. Anna Belle said some time ago that she wanted her to know her letters at least, by the time she becomes five years old, and she will succeed. ----" 28

"Today has been a beautiful day, and we took a long walk this afternoon, besides attending Church morning and evening, so we have put in the day, nearly, "on the go".

We do not have any letters from John or Anna Belle until 26 October 1890, but we have entries from both of them in John's sister, JULIA's album which apparently their mother took along on the midwest trip. The first is from John: 12,2

"Sister JULIA, 12

In memory of Mamma's and Edgar's, and his family's, visit to our house here today, I will sign myself 2,11

Your Aff. brother John

Emporia, Ks. July 4th 1890"

Apparently, JULIA CLELAND visited John and Anna Belle again late in August when Anna Belle added her message in the album to JULIA: 2 12

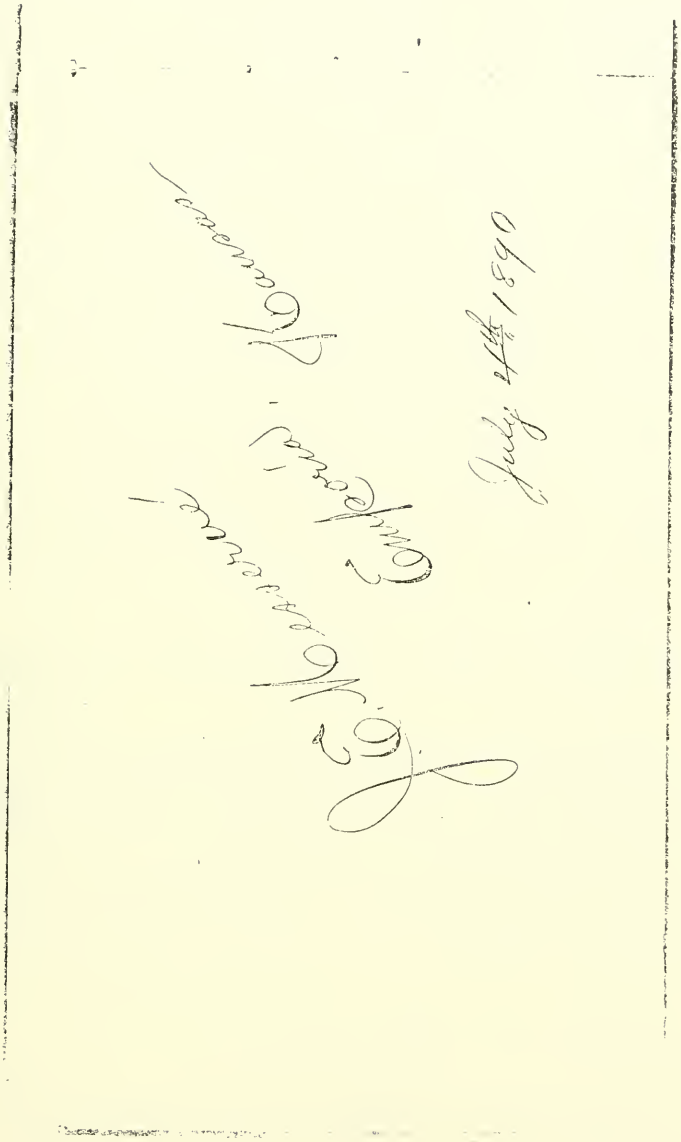
Sister Julia,

In memory of Mamma's and Edgar's, and his family's, visit to our house here today, I will sign myself

Your Aff. brother

John

Emporia, Ks. July 4th 1890



Thine be every joy and pleasure,
Peace, happiness, love and treasure.
Is the wish of your loving sister,
Anna Belle Messervé

Emporia, Kansas.
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The long gap in our news ends with John's letter to his mother of 26 October 1890: 2

"We have been occupied today with walking, talking, and church going, ---- Cle came, as you know, last Mon. morn. early, and has now finished his first week in the bank: it kept me pretty busy, every day, all day, with my work, and with showing him what to do: he got along well however and I think the bank folks are satisfied so far: he has engaged a room downtown, and expects some of his household goods in a week or so and will then be at home to himself, so I will leave the details of his affairs for him to relate after he gets settled: he is staying with us now, of course. We were surprised and quite shocked on Friday last to hear that Mrs W. H. Severy had died that morning at Reading, leaving a little boy-baby 4 days old: today the remains were brought here, and we, Anna Belle & I, went over to L. Severy's residence to see the folks, and also saw Annie (Mrs N. H. S.): the funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon: it is a very severe shock to the family.----" 13

John's letter of 7 December 1890 was short but was all news:

"Today has been the coldest day of the season, but 18° above zero is the lowest I saw the thermometer, and that was at 8 30 this morning.

On last Friday eve. we were invited to spend the eve at Mr. Bortons where his daughter and her husband, Mr & Mrs Ryder, live too, opposite Mr Booteys house: there were a dozen or so of the neighbors there too; we played cards, and were refreshed with an elegant repast. Cle came up to keep house while we were away. Fri. & Sat. the Pres. Ch fair, dinners & suppers, took place, netting about 300.00 to the church, including the quilt which brought in all about 82.00. ---- we are pretty busy at the bank, and all going along smoothly. Cle has not been here today, for it has been too cold for him to venture out much. I have not heard from Ed for some time, so dont know the condition of things in the quarter. ----" 13 13 11

Our news of John continues in his next letter on 14 December 1890:

"---- I received a letter from Ed this morning; he said that Mrs Haynes left there in Oct. and went to Ft. Scott Ks, where Myrtle and her husband are: he is engineer on a railroad terminating there - bet. Ft Scott & Springfield Mo.: Anna Belle rec'd a letter from Myrtle last week, telling about the same news. Cle was here for an hour or so this afternoon; he hears frequently from Elsie, and as he writes to you occasionally, I suppose you know as much about his plans as I do: it is hardly time yet to know what his fate will be for 1891, but he keeps 11 13 38

pegging away at his work, and does it alright, though often it is supper time by the time he is through: I am just as late myself this time of the year.

The Methodist Ch had a fair, dinners, & suppers, Friday and Saturday Dec. 12th, & 13th,: the next thing is Christmas with its "Trees", and other entertainments. Mary is full of Xmas." 28

"at home 8 P.M." John wrote again on 21 December 1890:

"---- Just this minute I stepped out of doors and grabbed a handful of grass & clover, some of which I enclose; also plucked a stalk or two of the feathery leaved plant that grew from some of the flower seeds you brought from Mr Ellis; the pansy plants from his seed are just as green as this is.

---- We mailed you, today, a Xmas package, and hope it will reach you on time. Anna Belle will probably go home on Friday after Christmas and stay 'til Jan 5th; Excursion tkts good that long for 1 & 1/3 fare, round trip: she will take Mary. 28
We are very busy at the bank this month, but manage to keep "ahead of the hounds". Merry Christmas to all."

The last letter of the year was written by John on 28 December 1890:

"---- Well we celebrated the day as usual, by making some gifts, and were accordingly well remembered. Your package came on Christmas morning; the book to Cle came the day before: I have 13

not had time to read all about the Passaic, but enjoyed the engravings very much, and will digest it more fully hereafter; Mary made one of the pictures with her "Sliced Objects", with only being told what to do with the strips; and the paints and brush pleased her very much. Cle took dinner with us on Christmas day:---- Anna Belle thought a week or so ago, that perhaps she would go home during the holidays while the Ry. fare was low, and concluded to go Friday morning 7 o'clock via Ottawa: I went to the depot Xmas (Thurs.) afternoon 4.30 to get her ticket, and found out that she would have to go then (Thurs.) if she wanted the low rate; and only one chance remained: the 4 P.M. train east was 5 hours late, ie. expected at 9 P.M.; therefore we made the necessary arrangements, and she, with Mary, finally got off at 10.45 P.M.: I rec'd word from her yesterday that they got home at 6.15 A.M. Fri. found the folks well, and glad to see them; and several Xmas presents awaiting them: I expect they will return Jan 5 /91. For two weeks to come I expect to be unusually busy. Wishing you all a Happy New Year, I will end the last letter of the old year, with love to all,"

We have sixteen letters from John and one from Anna Belle addressed to JULIA CLELAND, all written from Emporia, KS, in 1891. The first is from John on 4 January 1891:

"---- I have been busy at the bank every day and several evenings since last Sunday; and don't know any news except from an occasional glance at a newspaper. Anna Belle has not said anything in her letters about coming home, but I suppose she will come tomorrow, as that is the last day of her Ry tkt.

I received JULIA's letter of 31st ult., today, and will reply to that some time when I am not so tired of seeing my own writing and figures.

"Our" directors met on Friday 2nd and declared the usual dividend and talked about matters in general: I suppose all is satisfactory; have heard nothing about lower salaries. Cle is working right along, but has been told nothing about 1891."

About a third of John's letter of 11 January 1891 is newsworthy:

"---- Anna Belle and Mary came home on Monday night at 10 via Ottawa Branch; I met them at the depot. I will not attempt to describe their visit, leaving that for Anna Belle to do: she said just now she "would write in the spring". Mary has only seven dolls now. Cle does not know his fate yet, but is still at work: It strikes me that this is a bad time of year to move, even if he knew he was going to stay: every thing will come out right in due time."

and he continues to devote about half of each letter on descriptions of the weather, which we do not copy, in the next two dated 18 January and 1 February 1891, respectively:

"---- Cle ate dinner with us, as per invitation; no news to report from him or his affairs; "let him speak for himself". Ed wrote lately, but said nothing about home affairs, so I suppose all are well. ---- I enclose herewith, from Anna Belle, a pro-

gram of Christmas Exercises at Pres. Ch.; and she said also that she intended, or rather intends to write one of these days soon, and tell you about Christmas and the presents etc etc. We have been out of patience for some time past with our hens, for not laying, but today I got one egg, the first since Oct. 1 - 90 - In 1890 they laid 741 eggs, and I hope to make a larger profit this year, in eggs and fowls."

"---- Right at this time is our busy time at the bank, but the work is going along alright.

On Thursday eve, 29th ult., Anna Belle and I attended a reception, as per invitation, at Mrs Keebler's; cards and dancing; music and refreshments. Cle came up to keep house for us and 13
stay with Mary. Nothing new about his situation or salary; he 28
is still at work.----"

Our next letter from John is dated 15 February 1891:

"Sunday evening has come around again and finds us all well, and running along in the same old rut as we have been lately: last evening we attended a Musicale at Mayor Griffith's residence; held for the benefit of the Pres. College; and enjoyed it
of course. Today, Cle, Mary, Anna Belle & I took a long walk in 13,28
the south part of town, most of the time beyond where there
were sidewalks and Cle & I wore no rubbers, so you may know 13
that our weather is quite spring-like: it has been mild for several days past, drying up the mud almost entirely. I dont know whether Cle has written you or not, but he expects Elsie 38
about the first week in March. ---- I anticipate no change in my position or work, nor among the rest of the working force here.----"

Three letters in March; the 1st, 15th and 22nd, report battles with colds and "La Grippe":

"This, the first day of spring, was like an early-spring-day, though pretty cool this morning, early. On Friday morning the thermometer was 2° above zero. ----I see by the papers that Minn. has had cold weather during the past few days, 40° below zero. I think we will stay in Kansas.

Our hens are laying now, commenced Jan 18th and have only laid 31 eggs so far; they ought to do much better during March: I have one hen setting, rather early, but might as well keep her busy. I expect to do less building this year, and more fowl raising.

We are all pretty well, except colds in head: just like a host of other folks: the occasional mild weather makes one careless.

Anna Belle expects a sewing girl last of this week or first of next: we dont know when Elsie will come: no day has been decided upon yet." 38

"During the past week we have had a pretty busy household, for La Grippe came and gave us a round, and it has not entirely disappeared now. Cle and I had a short siege the first of the 13

week, both feeling better about the Middle, and then on Friday we had another attack and had to leave the bank: under the Dr's (Biddle) care we rallied and feel about well, with a few exceptions. Elsie was sick yesterday and today, and has some symptoms of La Grippe and this afternoon Zell was not very well: Anna Belle acts rather Grippey tonight. As Cle was so much better, they concluded to move to his room as they intended to before they were sick; so Cle went down today, made a fire and got a hack and moved all there this afternoon about 5 o'clock, though we urged them to stay another 24 hours to recuperate. 38 37 13

Mon Afternoon 16th: - There is little or no change for the better with Anna Belle and me: I did not go to the bank today, and have not heard from Cle & family. ---- " 13

"The whole week has passed since I wrote before and we are not quite well yet. Anna Belle was taken sick Sunday night with La Grippe and was in bed Mon. & Tues. I have been alternatly better and worse all the week: the last part have had neuralgia; have been out of doors occasionally for two days and expect to venture down town tomorrow.

Mother Cartter came last Wednesday in answer to our request, and will stay a few days longer: Anna Belle took a walk down town today with her mother, and stopped at Cle's to see how they were; found Zell well; Cle is well, but Elsie not able to be up all the time. They said they had received a letter from you. Cle has said little or nothing about his writing to you, so I suppose your knowledge of their affairs comes from Elsie or me: hereafter I will let them do their own writing, and then you will get it straight. 13 37,38

---- My first '91 brood of chickens came out today."

We have no letters for April. Apparently, all have recovered fully from La Grippe for John does not mention it in his letter of 3 May 1891:

"---- We set out the house plants, first of last week, and I have been busy at the bank the rest of the week; expect to continue house-cleaning this week: the two hens set three weeks ago have finished their work, bringing out about ten chicks; I will take them from the nest tomorrow morning putting all the chicks with one hen in a coop, and let the other hen free with the large fowls: I have set the hen (last Wed) on Black Lang Shan eggs, and another hen (on Friday) on White Plymouth Rock & other eggs; so have now three hens setting: The little Champion Quince tree near the barn is in bloom. ---- "

More news of the garden and hen-house follows in the letter of 10 May 1891:

"---- We have just had the first lettuce and radishes from our garden, though there is a plenty of such "fodder" in market. We cleaned the dining room last week; tried an experiment by putting down the old red carpet, and the good carpet on top, both stretched tightly: the reason is to allow the dust to sift through into the under one thus saving the good one, when we clean again, from the hard beating it would otherwise have, and

also the daily wear on the upper one ought to be less.

I have no new broods of chicks to report: the hen that "came off" last Sunday or rather Monday morning, adopted the 3 chicks, 3 days old, by my slipping them under her on Sun. eve.: She has the nine chicks that she commenced with: this week I expect a brood to "come off", of thorough bred White Plymouth Rocks. I should like to hear how you succeed with your fowls; I hope that it is better than it was at first. It takes a good deal of time to see that all are attended to properly, but I find that it is much easier, where one has plenty of the little conveniences, than where everything is in a hap-hazard way.

There is no big news to tell you, only we have new light colored, (olive green) shades in our dining room, and we expect to clean the cellar, and kitchen this week.---- "

and a lot more of the "chicken business" on 31 May 1891:

"---- there was a parade yesterday (Decoration Day) and after the trip out to the Cemetery to decorate the graves, a meeting, with an appropriate program, took place at the "tabernacle".

Our strawberries are ripening fast now, at first a pint a day, then a quart, and today two quarts: our "spring chickens" are ripe; we have some today again, and I suppose we will have "fowl" often now, for several of the old ones besides the odd small ones are to (be) eaten. I got through the rainy and cool weather with a loss of one small chick, and one Langshan acted as though it had rheumatism, cold, or hurt in the hips or knees, but as its appetite remained I gave it a warm berth under the stove and it has improved very much, so I think it will recover; that is all I charge the bad weather with. One white chick had what appeared to be dropsy, but instead of water it was puffed up with air under the skin, all over. That, I found before the rain commenced; by keeping the chick warm and dry, and giving it pure water, and cracked corn, and occasionally letting the air out by pricking, which caused very little pain, it has recovered nearly, and is as bright as any of them. It does not pay to "fool" with sick chickens, but it is well to experiment with them to see what can be accomplished: two Langshan chicks were killed by the other hens; and one was skinned on the neck by a hen but I patched him up; it healed, and the old hen took him back again: so I have only five Langshans, and two of them are not entirely well. ----

I enclose herewith a flower which perhaps you or Mr Ellis can name: it grew from seed that you brought here, and I planted last summer: we would like to know its name."

We have only two letters written during the Summer; the first from John on 19 July and the second from Anna Belle on 2 August 1891:

"---- I just finished the new barn-floor yesterday, and now comes the refitting of the doors, and rebuilding of the fowl house in the corner of the barn as before, and the making of the Coal bin, or room as it will be now.

The chickens are getting along alright, though they have a

small range: hope to be better fixed next year. ---- Yes I would like to have some grafts, at the proper time, of some of your fine fruit: We have good kinds, but a variety will improve our stock if they will take 'hold and grow; Our Cherries are Early Richmond and Montmorency both red and sour: I will keep it in mind and decide what grafts I want and let you know. Cle says that Elsie's sister has not gone west yet, so Elsie's return is not close at hand. Anna Belle has been "putting up" black-berries during the past week: peaches and plums come next. ---- " 13 38

"---- I often think of what pleasant times & talks we were having about this time last year.----

I have done considerable sewing this summer but I didn't get any new clothes for myself had my black silk made over in the spring that is all & made Mary a little silk (out of old) and one new gingham & let down nearly all of her last summers it is easier (to get) or make I should say new clothes than to make over old ones. I made a cover for my extra mattress this last week and think it is quite an improvement also put on hangers or handles on the ends don't know just how they will work but hope alright - also made two comfortables am getting ready for winter now; my! one hardly gets their summer work done before it is time to prepare for winter. Mary is going to Sunday School regularly now and enjoys it very much and is very anxious for every day School to begin. She is growing quite fast and is a good deal of help to me. ----- 28 28

Was down to Mrs. Booty's the other evening & she asked about you and said if you ever come here again that she would be sure to take you out riding for she enjoyed the ride very much that evening.

I wish you could see our place this summer I think it looks nicer than last summer our flowers are blooming nicely and will have several tube-roses this summer - Our passion vine is in blossom it is the first passion flower I ever saw and I think it is lovely.

Elsie has returned and looks real well and quite fleshy so does Zell - they stopped here this noon on their way home from church. 38 37

She reports a very pleasant visit at home why shouldn't one though at home with Mother & Father once in a while. I am in hopes of going home this Fall if I could only take Jno. with me I should enjoy it more for I don't like to leave him at home alone - true its a rest for him - but one I imagine he soon would tire of - I remember when he went to K.C. last spring only two days it seemed like weeks instead of days to me. 38

The Presbyterians are beginning to talk Xmas market again it seems early but then it takes time.

I do not know where Mrs Haynes does make her home the last we heard of her she was in Unionville, Mo. at her brothers.

---- Jno. has brought the first ripe tomato in just now. Mary has a black hat trimmed in daisies & white ribbon and I have a red and black hat - red crepe' trimmed in black lace & velvet.- Have put up quite a good deal of fruit this summer - Peaches 28

are in market now but will wait until the later ones I like them better for canning.

Jno. Mary & I took walk this afternoon across the country and found plenty of weeds & dust - went to the Post Office and got the K.C. Papers - came home and ate lunch since supper have been sitting on the front porch but got so cool that we came in - now Mary is preparing for bed. 28

She is sleeping on the folding lounge in the N.W. corner of the dining room - oh my if we only had two bed rooms how glad I would be. ---- " 28

In John's letter of 20 September 1891, we learn that Anna Belle is visiting with her parents as she wished and that John has learned to spell "Madeira":

"---- Anna Belle and Mary got off last Tuesday noon and reached K.C. safely, found the folks well, and not expecting her until the next day: Mrs Haynes is in K.C. at Cora's and Mary will visit them some, and may go to Ft Scott where Myrtle is. ---- I planted some "Grant Trimardeau Pansy" seed yesterday for next spring's blooming: the seeds of the "Ellis Pansies" are sowed along with them, the plants bloomed well and died down, but we crushed the seed pods on the bed, and ought to have a good crop next year. 28 28

Your Passion vine is immense, and blooms all the time; and the Madeira vines are in bloom now. The little "potatoes" from the top of the Cinamon vine last year, produced vines this year reaching to the top of the bay-window. and I notice, the vines this year, have those "potatoes" on them, so we will have vine-roots to give away. The plants and slips that we potted for winter are doing nicely.

My Langshan chicks are developing into good sized fowls; eleven in all, so I will have a good start in the spring: I will experiment with them one year longer, and if successful, will probably continue to raise them. How is your Hen-roost? You have more than I have; My total number is about 28. - Dinner time now."

On October 11,1891, Anna Belle was still in Kansas City when John wrote to his mother: 2

"I am still "going it" alone, but I expect Anna Belle & Mary will return by the middle of this week. I went to K.C. last Tuesday night arriving Wed. morning about 9 o'clock, in time to see the morning parade, or supposed arrival of Pallas Athene. I visited some of the banks during the day and in the eve we all went to Geo. Bowman's house to see the parade: you remember Mr Bowman & wife who stopped here on their way from Col. to K.C. Their house is on 9th St on the line of march of the Priests of Pallas parade and we had a good view. The next day Thurs we took dinner at Minnie's in their new house, and visited the K. C. Co. Fair (which has been open all of last week) in the afternoon. In the eve. we attended the P. of P. Ball, which was a grand affair. I will send you papers etc descriptive of all. I came home Fri. ---- Our flowers for winter look well; they are on the Stand on the South porch, and are not hurt by the frosts: 28

the plants that go in the cellar for the winter will soon have to be dug up, and then the yard cleaned up for the winter: we have not cleaned house yet, and do not expect to do very much of it this fall. I painted the porch floors and expect to paint the roofs.

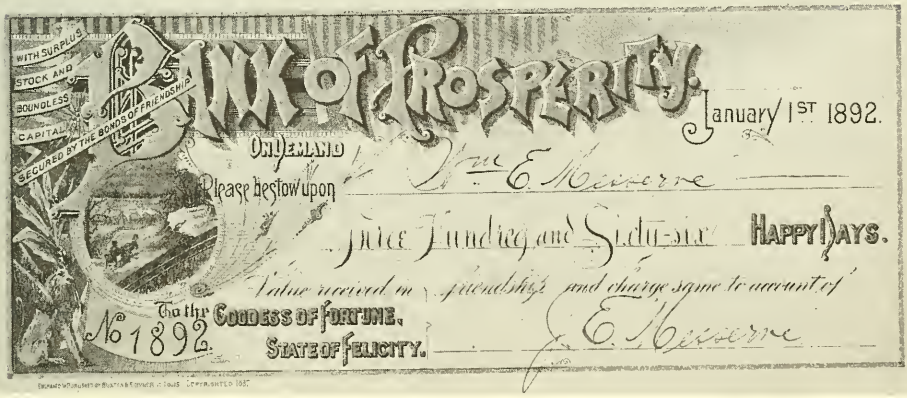
I attended Mr & Mrs G A Biddle's on State Street, other side of town, China-Wedding, 20 yrs, last Fri. eve. You met Mrs B. I think, when Mrs Gilchrist was sick one night & I went over for the Dr & she came too."

There are two more letters of the year; 26 October and 30 November 1891, but neither contain much in the way of news:

"----- We have just finished house-cleaning, and have the stoves up -----"

"I did not write yesterday, as Anna Belle wrote to JULIA ----. 12
I enclose herewith a N.Y. Dft. for Four & 20/100 dols. (4.20) to pay Int. for Nov. & Dec. as I think this is the time of year that money is most needed, just before Christmas and the Winter season. On first of Jan. I will send you a new note, when you can return the old one; provided of course you are still willing for me to use it; otherwise, I will scratch around and find some, or all of it, to send you. I can use it very nicely though"

On the stationery of The Kansas Bankers Association, John sent New Year's Greetings to his uncle, William Edwin Messerve, on the 4
day his uncle died, 25 January 1892. The letter was humorously couched in very formal terms and would certainly have been most pleasing to his uncle. His note for "Three Hundred and Sixty-Six Happy Days" is reproduced below. A reduced copy of the greeting follows on the next page:



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Emporia, Kas. Jan 25, 1892.

Wm. E. Messerve Esq.,
Squaw Brook Farm,
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Dear Uncle William,—

I enclose herewith Draft which explains itself; in partial liquidation of the standing indebtedness; and ask your clemency in the matter; for, owing to a great volume of business this month, it has been crowded out until now.

Hoping that our future business relations will still run smoothly, I remain

Your Affectionate nephew,

J. E. Messerve

On 11 February 1892, John wrote a five page letter to his sister, Maggie, explaining in considerable detail what must be done to settle the estate of William Edwin Messerve. We shall record only the more personal portions of the letter: 7

"I have just re-read your letter of 7th inst: it came last night, and I took it to the bank today for Cle to read, and to- 13
morrow I will send it to Ed. That is the kind of information we 11
wanted, and I see that you have the right instructions, so there is little use of my suggesting anything; but I will string off my lingo and you can do what you like.----

If any of the things are to be distributed as mementos, I would like to have the family Bible; and a "Bible text book" with red cover, having columns of words as "salt" or "seven", followed by the description where found in the Bible; also the single barrel gun, which is one that Uncle Wm has had since boyhood I think, and one he prized for its "sureness": I think Ed fancied 11
the double barrell gun, but he can speak for himself: My bid is a pretty good sized one, but that is my style just now - "bid high". I cannot recall much of the household goods, so could not name anything else if I wanted to: I will take a bushel of books though; I can always use them.

I dont want Mamma to exert herself, and worry herself about any 2
of this business; there is no need of it: let those who are to have the property, work for and pay for it; dont pay the funeral expenses, thinking you can get it back again: While they are getting it settled up, Mamma can come out and visit us and take a rest; there are still a few hotels left in N.J. for travelers to put up at.

Where is Laurel Grove? Isn't Ann buried at Bay Cemetery? How large is the plot at Bay Cemetery, and are there any stones or monuments erected over any of the graves?

I have noticed for a good many months that no mention had been made about ROB, and concluded that he staid away because he 39
wanted to, and that things were not running along smoothly for some reason or other.

If I express myself about him, it will be "Wide - open" and broad, so I had better not say any more.----"

The short note from Emporia, KS, from John to his mother, on 3 March 1892 contained some unexpected travel plans by John: 2

"By the time this reaches you, I will probably be in Denver, Colo, on a weeks vacation; and will stop at Wichita coming back. I may take a short look at Colo. Springs, and Pueblo, but my main stay will be at Denver: expect to leave here at 3.10 PM Sat. 5th inst. and be in Denver 11. AM Sun. Mrs Dougherty will stay with Anna Belle & Mary while I am away." 28

The letter dated 10 July 1892 to JULIA CLELAND was written in part by John and completed by Anna Belle. Neither made any reference to John's trip in March: 2

"---- As I expected, I made a start at the "Addition" on last Mon. (4th) by digging a few barrow loads, and marking out the size of the thing; Tues. and Wed. mornings I dug some, and laid

a drain pipe from the big Cottonwood tree, along the north side of the yard to the N.W. corner of the new cellar; Thurs. the plumber put in the gas pipe, from the Main in the Street, to the N.E. cor. of new cellar, and Thurs. Fri. & Sat. I had a "professional" digger, dig and wheel the dirt from cellar to garden and lower part of lot south of barn: it will take 3 days more to get all the dirt out; and a week more to have the stone wall built. We are having warm dry weather now, which is alright for our building operations----

---- We thought of you the fourth and wished you were with us on that day I know you would have enjoyed it & to see how the children enjoyed it. Jno. wrote you that Minnie & Evalina were with us - well the folks from home sent us a basket of goodies & fire-works combined so the fourth we decorated our house and went to the Grove in the afternoon and spent the evening enjoying our fire-works.----

Well Mamma about two weeks ago we bought us a very nice antique folding bed it is not very fancy but very good looking and has a large mirror in the style is ward robe shape. also got a wash-stand to match will use it in the north bed-room (the old room) and move the bed room set we have in there now in the new room (or Mary's room I guess - oh how we will enjoy another room and 28
I know Mary will. Minnie, the children & I took a walk out to Elsies last week and found her in her usual health she has an 38
awfully good baby the best one I ever saw but oh so thin not 40
any larger than (Minnie) Mary's big doll.

Zell grows like a weed and keeps so well it seems a shame they 37
live so far from us for she enjoys playing with Mary so much 28
but does not see her oftener than once every two weeks.

I might write you a long letter but John and Minnie are out looking at our new cellar and it is now mail time so will say good-bye with much love from us all to all."

More news follows in John's letter of 17 July 1892:

"We did not accomplish as much in the new cellar during the past week, as I expected, for we had a big rain which stopped the digging and there remains about two days work to get all the dirt out:----

Minnie, Evalina, and Mary went to K.C. last Thurs. Mary will 28
visit Mrs Haynes & Myrtle at Ft Scott, when they can send for her, and will also visit Cora in K.C.: Anna Belle will go home after we get the building well under way, probably in Aug. and may only make a short stay, which is partly the reason that Mary went "on ahead".----"

John reports good progress on the extension to his home and that Mary is still away in his next letter to his mother on 31 July 28,2
1892:

"We have accomplished considerable since last Sunday in the way of building: the stone work is completed and tomorrow the chimney will be rebuilt: the floor beams, sills, (upright) studding,

lining (inch boards), and part of the weather boards, are done: tomorrow they will put on the ceiling-joists, rafters, and sheating on the roof ready for the tin, which will be laid about Tuesday: by next Sunday we will have something of a house. ---- Some of the Cattle Men have suffered from the loss of cattle by Texas-fever originating from Texas cattle that were brought to Kansas to feed: this has occurred in a few instances near here where the infected cattle were: as soon as discovered, a certain radius of country is "quarantined", and so the trouble does not spread.

Mary is in Ft. Scott now, I suppose, for we heard from K.C. that they intended to send for her last week.----" 28

and again on both subjects on 7 August 1892:

"---- The past week has been a busy week with us, but we accomplished a good deal; have all the carpenter work done; the lime was "run off" several days ago, and we expect the plasters to commence lathing tomorrow. The addition, and changes in the old part, give us more room apparently than we expected.

Mary & Myrtle wrote to us this week, and report having a grand time. Mary will probably remain in Ft Scott another week:----" 28

As a complete surprise, our next news comes from Anna Belle's letter of 10 September 1892 to JULIA CLELAND, written from the Grand Union Hotel in New York, NY:

"We arrived here this evening and will be here until Monday eve. and would be so glad to see you here can't you come over and see us Minnie & Will are with me.

I would love to come over to Squaw Brook but it is impossible- it stands this way I had a chance to come to Washington on passes & a chance to get here in the Great City of N.Y. only for two days as our passes calls us back to K.C. by the 15th of this month. I hope you can come for I would love to see you but if you cant come by Monday eve. you need not come to see us for we will be gone - How I would love to see you all - I could talk to you better than write.----"

We have no record of whether JULIA was able to see Anna Belle or not. No subsequent reference to the trip has been found. We do not have any news from or about John and Anna Belle for the rest of the year except for one brief statement by Mary, writing from Emporia, in a note to her grandmother on 27 December 1892: 2 28

"---- We are going to have one week vacation ----"

When we next hear from John from his letter from Emporia to his mother on 8 January 1893, he makes no reference to any vacation but he does hint that he is thinking of a move to Southern California: 2

"---- Nothing of importance has happened with us lately, we have been putting in long days on account of extra work at the bank, and the book keeper still away for the improvement of his health. I see by the despatches that you have had a severe snow storm; and as I have been reading lately about Southern California. I feel like transporting the whole family to that balmy clime."

Our next letter from John, another short one, he wrote on 26 February 1893:

"---- We drove out today, finding the roads smooth & dry; went to Americus - a small town 9 miles N.W. in 1 3/4 hrs and returned in 1½ hrs: ---- Bishop Thomas visited St. Andrews here today; we attended the morning service; the church was crowded; there were about a dozen confirmed.

I have not heard from Ed lately, not since last month. Cle is preparing to move from Peyton Ave, last of this week, to some rooms, about 3 blocks from the bank, on Union St. - 3 blks South of here 801. Elsie has been sick, but with the help of kind neighbors, has got along, and is improving." 11,13 38

On 5 March 1893, John reveals that he has been giving much thought to an improvement in his position, even to organizing his own bank, perhaps the reason he was reading about California:

"---- We took a drive this afternoon. Anna Belle entertained, on last Friday, the "Nonpareil Club" of which she is a member, together with 5 or 6 visitors: "They" are 14 ladies - meet every Friday afternoon - make and exchange fancy work - and sup about 5.30 P.M.: each member entertains them once: they have met 6 times now.

Cle moved on Friday to his "new home" 502 Union St. he can devote his leisure time to his family now: no cow; no chickens; no garden. 13

I would like to have you let me know of any of "our folks" who would like to invest in bank stock, paying from 8% to 15% probably. I dont mean to have you go the rounds especially, but to keep it in mind, and inquire when you have the opportunity. If I should organize a bank, whether private, State, or National; or should assist in any such enterprise, whether in this state or any other, with an intention of being one of the "bosses"; of course I will subscribe for some Stock, and the more stock I

can "control" (ie subscribe for my friends) the more we can have things go "our" way.

I have given this business a great deal of study for some years past, and all I lack now is the opportunity to start it, and that may come before many years hence: if it is possible, I will create the opportunity. If I never get the chance to fulfill my desires in this direction, I will have to do the next best thing - just as I am doing now.

Major Hood has recovered enough to be out a short time each day - he was at the bank yesterday an hour or so. Mr. Laws, the book keeper, has not returned from Texas yet, but is report as, well; and expected back some time this month.

We are all in usual health except Elsie who is ailing yet, but better than she was a week ago." 38

John has nothing new to report relative to a "change" in his position in his next letter only a week later on 12 March 1893. We do not understand his signature to the letter:

"---- this afternoon we took a drive about town, but did not see many other buggies out.----

I am still "book-keeper" at the bank, with no immediate prospect of change. Major Hood has recovered from the carbuncle on his neck, and came to the bank nearly every day last week; but is now troubled with sciatica.

Cle and family are settled in their new quarters: Cle seems to like it pretty well; being so near his work:---- 13

No more news that I know about; love to all

from "we four & no more"
that includes Rosalie."

In his letter of the following week, 19 March 1893, John concentrates almost entirely on details of his new fence:

"---- we took a long drive about town: in a day or two we will probably have stormy weather, on acct. of the "equinoctial"; I am not ready for it though, for we have just had the old fence in front & side taken down, and hope to have the new one erected this week:- this new one will be, square oak posts, planed, with one iron gas-pipe run through each one, about 2 feet from the ground - the posts projecting about 4 to 6 inches above the rod which is 1½ in. thick: this "fence" will be set at the edge of the parking; that is 20 ft. away from the front & side lines of the lot, so it will appear as though we have a very large lot: if we dont like this, we can put up a fence on the fence-line some other time.

Tell JULIA that I was glad to get her letter, and will reply when I am in a letter-writing-humor." 12

Our next three letters, dated 9 April, 16 April and 30 April 1893 are all from Anna Belle:

"As Johnnie is reading and I have been writing home and have the pen & ink I will answer your very welcome letter. I should have

written before this but Johnnie keeps up his writing so I don't write.

Well about a week ago we thought that Summer was really here and we were not at all prepared for it so we began to hustle our last summers clothing out and by the time they were ready - and all the trees in blossom and how sweet they smell in the early morning why winter has come back on us ---- this morning we started up our base burner again.----

Johnnie has finished putting around the parking fence & you don't know how much it has improved our place & when he gets the yard all leveled off you would hardly know the place. As for the inside of the house we have not made any changes since last fall. What a lovely home-like looking place your home is how I should enjoy it if we could all be there together I am so anxious that Johnnie should go home this summer and take Mary. 28

You would hardly know her she is growing so I have been quite busy making her muslin underware and have 4 new gingham dresses done for her & am having made one nice blue dress for Sunday to be worn with a white gimpe."

A gimpe, according to the dictionary, is an ornamental flat braid or round cord used as a trimming.

Anna Belle continues her letter with some social news:

"Johnnie wrote you about our club we meet once a week and have very pleasant afternoons 3 to 6 take our fancy work and chat about 5 o'clock we have tea and always have a fine supper last time we had an extra tea such as coffee Sandwiches, pickles, olives, chicken salad, cake & sauce.

Friday evening Mr. & Mrs, Daugherty had a High Five Party and we were there had a very pleasant time Johnnie won the booby prize a piece of whet stone tied with fancy ribbon and a motto engraved "Sharpen your wits" - the ladies prize booby prize I mean was a small deck of cards. the first prize was a solid silver spoon for the lady & a solid "match safe for the gentleman I came within one of getting the ladies prize but I didn't get it.----

I made me a handbag like the one I made for you also one for Elsie I find it quite handy. Well Elsie is home with her folks 38
now poor girl I expect she was worn out when she got there with two children & she not at all well.----

I started me a calico quilt and I should like very much to have a block from each of you it is just a plain nine patch will enclose a sample of the size of a block ---- this will be my first quilt except doll quilts and I am in hopes of finishing it sometime.----

Mary sends a kiss to all and is getting along nicely at school." 28

"This has been a lovely day and we have all enjoyed it those having buggies enjoyed them to-day sure - we took the usual way-walking.

John is still working around the yard and I tell you it shows what he has done you would hardly know the place it looks so nice since the fence has been taken away.----

Saw Cle riding by this noon so he is alright. John sat down to write you and I bothered him & took up the pen & am standing at his side writing this that accounts for the mistakes & penmanship so will let him finish. tata - Anna Belle - 13

Love to all, I have finished - Yours Johnnie"

"Johnnie has had to work so hard the past week and late last night and part of to-day while he is resting I thought I would surprise him and write you a few lines. ----

I made me a calico dress the past week for morning and have a gingham to make for myself also. How is JULIA getting along better I hope and I expect you are all busy getting the little ones ready for summer - how I would love to all be together on the farm couldn't we talk are any of you coming to the Worlds' Fair - 12

I have not heard from Elsie only through Cle and he says she is not at all well poor girl how nice it is she can be with her folks all summer. You ought to see how nice our place does look now Johnnie has fixed it so nice - last week we planted part of our flowers - those we had in the cellar but none that had in the house my house plants look so nice and a number in blossom. 38,13

Reports from my home is Minnie & baby are getting along nicely I am in hopes of going home in July or may be before whichever suits Johnnie.----

We are still enjoying our base-burner - Mary went to Sunday School this A.M. now she is sitting reading she also goes to school and gets along nicely school closes May 26th. ----" 28

We have two letters from John written on 6 May and 28 May 1893, both from Emporia, KS:

"Today will be my last day at the bank for a week or more for Mary has the Scarlet - fever & we are ordered to keep away from other people: we have our carpets up & furniture packed in two front rooms. 28

Dr Biddle next door is in attendance, and we will use all care in nursing, and keeping ourselves in good health. Mail will reach us alright & I will manage to write when necessary: ----"

"There is little or nothing of interest to write about; Mary is well, and has not taken cold yet: the school term is over, so she will not attend until in the fall. We are expecting Mother Cartter this week to make a visit with us; after which Anna B and Mary will go to K.-C. to spend their "vacation". I expect to "vacate" in July, just how much I hardly know now: my plans are rather unsettled. 28 28

---- we took a long drive, southwest of town, along the Cottonwood river; found the Wheat and corn in the bottom lands very good:----- Cle ate dinner with us today." 13

Cle refers to John and Anna Belle and his visit in his letter to 13
his mother dated 30 May 1893, written from Emporia, KS: 2

"I neednt say anything about Jno Anna Belle or Mary for Jno 28
probably keeps you pretty well posted since he writes so often

I took dinner with Jno Sunday on my way home from church."

An unfortunate gap of nearly a year occurs in our news of John
and Anna Belle until we read John's letter to his mother written 2
on 8 April 1894 from Los Angeles, CA. John gives us no clue as to
why he went to the far west or what he is doing. The reference by
Elsie West to news of John through Major Hood, president of the 38
Emporia National Bank, does indicate that John's departure was on
friendly terms. It is a surprise, too, that John's brother, Edgar, 11
and his family, are also in Los Angeles for no mention of the
plans for such a move were made in any letter we have from any of
the brothers: John uses Citizens' Bank of Los Angeles stationary:

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Los Angeles, Cal. Apr 8th, 1894

Dear Mamma,

"There is nothing new to write you, from this quarter of the
globe: we are getting along in the same (way) that we were a
week ago; Ed is not in actual business yet, but we have several 11
schemes on foot, and hope to work out one of them to a profita-
ble conclusion before very long.

The rains that we have been looking for all winter, have not
come, and the grain and hay fields are too dry to produce the
regular crops. Fruit will not suffer, because all such land is
irrigated with water piped from the mountain water courses. We
are having very pleasant weather and most of the fruit trees
are in bloom; peas, lettuce and all early vegetables are in
plenty.

This week the new Carnival - "La Fiesta de Los Angeles" will
occupy the week - something like the Priests of Pallas in Kan-
City: All the business houses, and the streets are decorated in
in the Colors - Green, Yellow and Red. signifying Olives, Oranges
and Wine, products of So. California.

No more now, Love to all from all hand and the Cook:"

A week later, on 15 April 1894, we hear again from John:

"The past week has been one of fun and frolic for us Angelenos
on account of "La Fiesta" festivities - commencing Tues. and
ending Friday - a parade every day, and on Friday eve a grand

ball. We witnessed only the parades.

Cousin Frank Cartter and a gentleman friend of his - both of Brookfield Mo. came Friday eve. to spend a few days with us - Saturday they all took a drive to Pasadena, Alhambra etc I could not go of course, but we all went to the beach at Santa Monica today: tomorrow they may go up to the Mountain via Mt. Lowe Ry - and on Tues the boys will probably go on to San Francisco to see the Mid-Winter Fair.

Ed is not at work yet, but it is hardly time yet for the places to develope, that he has in prospect. Ed & family are Keeping house in furnished rooms up town. Major Hood & wife was here a few days last week, and we had a pleasant visit with them, though they did not have time to come & see us."

We learn a bit more of Major Hood's visit with John and Anna Belle from the letter written by Elsie West on 17 April 1894 in Emporia, KS, to JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE: 38 12

"Major Hood and family have just returned from a trip to California. They saw John and Anna Belle Major said Anna Belle was looking better than he ever saw her and that Mary was growing fast to be a great big girl." 28

We get more news from John in his next letter to his mother on 7 May 1894:

"---- Ed and I each received the remittance from Lou Harrison first of last week, and on Tuesday May 1st Ed and family started back to Wichita: Allie was disappointed in California, or was discouraged at Ed's not getting something to do immediately; for she did not enjoy going about to see anything, and was glad to get started toward Kansas. On account of her discontent Ed did not seem to make as much effort to secure employment here, as he did to get rigged up to go back again. It appears as though the new business ought to succeed there. 11 25

The small fruits are coming into market in plenty now. Strawberries are 7½ to 10¢ per pound box: oranges are cheap 10¢ per dozen for nice Washington Navels. No more rain lately; hay crop short: fruit crop of all kinds, heavy."

followed by another on 14 May 1894:

"---- I received a letter from Julia Barron the other day, in which she said that they had sold their house, and had concluded to move to California - leaving Atlanta about June 1st and visit N.Y. and vicinity until July 1st and then come west, visiting Oakland and perhaps locating in this part of the state. I have just written to her, describing things just as they are, and not what they are sometimes advertised. 31

We have had considerable cloudy weather lately, but no rain; and now that it has waited so long, we dont want it, for the hay harvest is in progress, and after that will come fruit drying: Strawberries are in great plenty on the market. The orange trees are in bloom and the air is filled with the perfume.

We have planted quite a large garden, to see what the California soil will produce, and though it is late, compared with others, the beans, lettuce, onions, radish, cucumbers, and beets are up with two or three leaves on."

Nearly two years pass,until we read John's letter of 7 May 1896, written from Los Angeles, CA, on The Farmers and Merchants Bank stationery, to his sister, JULIA. During that long gap in our news, John's mother died on 6 February 1896: 12 2

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In reply to yours Los Angeles, Cal. May 7 1896

Dear Sister Julia,

"In reply to that part of your letter in regard to Asthma, I will write now, and some other time will write about other things.

I dont consider Los Angeles the proper place for Asthma or Lung troubles, for the air is too moist at times: San Bernardino - elevation 1075 ft., or any of the towns in that vicinity, near the mountains and a long distance from the ocean are better. Many persons go up on the mountains where the air is drier. Phoenix, Ariz. Salt River Valley, is regarded one of the very best places for invalids as it is warm and dry; in summer the temperature is pretty high in the southern part of Ariz, but there is no real winter weather, it is even warmer country than this is. Phoenix is a large City now. Another place that is probably unexcelled for Asthma is Colorado near the Rocky Mountains; at Denver, Colorado Springs, Manitou or Pueblo; but of course the Winter there is cold: the elevation is 6000 ft. and air dry and light. Christine Duncan stopped at Colo. Spgs and is apparently well: she had Asthma.

I will send with this a map that shows location of towns, and elevation of some of them: anything else I can do I will do gladly. I prefer Southern California, for you can find here any Kind of climate you want, from sea breeze to Mountain air 4000 ft. high: but I dont want to advise any one to come here, expecting to find a Paradise, and then be disappointed in case every thing does not come up to their expectations. This is not a hot climate, but a moderate climate it might be called; for the winters are milder, and the Summers cooler than are those of N.J. - Mo. Kans. etc etc. Dont come here without woolen underwear or any other garments that are used for cold weather, except extra heavy overcoats: Our rains are about as chilling as your Snow storms. No more now

Your aff. bro John

On one of the envelopes, John wrote his home address as 2839 Lorne Street, Los Angeles, California.

We have no further information concerning the lives of John and Anna Belle. Based upon recollections of discussions with JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE, it is believed that John died in Los Angeles before 1900. If this is true, it is likely that Anna Belle returned to her home in Kansas City, MO, with Mary, since it was there that Mary lived with her husband and daughter at least during the late nineteen thirties. We do have a photograph of Mary taken in Los Angeles in February 1898. 12 28 28

1	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	father
2	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	mother
3	Julia	20;6-2( ),5(5),4( )	1st cous. once rem.
4	William Edwin Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(2)	paternal uncle
5	Abraham C. Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1)	paternal uncle
6	Albert Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1),3(1)	cousin
7	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	sister
8	Mary Hattrick Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(2)	maternal aunt
9	DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER	19;5-1(4)	paternal grandmother
10	Ann Griffith	W5;5-3( ),4(2)	uncle William's wife
11	Edgar Barron Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(4)	brother
12	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	sister
13	Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5)	brother
14	Wallace Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(7)	brother
15	James Richmond (2)	H10;5-2( ),4(5)	maternal aunt Fanny's husband
16	Sarah Frances Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(5)	maternal aunt
17	Harry Richmond	10;5-2( ),4(5),3(4)	cousin
18	Charles Jackson Richmond	10;5-2( ),4(5),3(3)	cousin
19	Augusta		
20	Mary Julia Richmond	10;5-2( ),4(5),3(5)	cousin
21	Andrew Humes Richmond	10;5-2( ),4(5),3(6)	cousin
22	Georgiana Coggeshall	20;6-2( ),5(9),4( )	1st cousin once removed
23	Davis Trites	H20;6-2( ),5(5),4( )	hus.1st cous.once rem.
24	AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	5 & 9;4-1(3)	paternal aunt
25	Allie	W5;4-2(4),3(4)	brother Edgar's wife
26	G. Theodor Leonhard	H5;4-2(4),3(1)	sister Margaret's husband
27	Elsie Barron Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(4),2(1)	brother Edgar's daughter
28	Mary Julia Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2),2(1)	daughter
29	Belle Goodings	W10;5-2( ),4(5),3(4)	cousin Harry's wife
30	Elmore Decker	H10;5-2( ),4(5),3(5)	cousin Mary's husband
31	Julia Barron Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(4)	cousin
32	Julia Cleland Woods	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(1)	cousin
33	Charles Cleland Woods	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(5)	cousin
34	Grace Hughes	W10;5-2( ),4(5),3(3)	cousin Charle's wife
35	Howard Messerve Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(2)	sister Margaret's son
36	WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;2-2(1)	sister JULIA's son
37	Zell Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5),2(1)	brother Cleland's daughter
38	Elsie West (1)	W5;4-2(4),3(5)	brother Cleland's wife

39 ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD	1;3-3(5)	sister JULIA's husband
40 Helen Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5),2(2)	brother Cleland's daughter

We are well and getting along in the same old fashion. Love to all,
Your loving Son Johnnie.

Yours with much love
Mattie.

Hoping to see you with much love
Your daughter-
Anna Belle Messerve

Fanny Irene Messerve 5;4-2(4),3(3)

Fanny was born in New York City, NY, on 23 November 1857.

Two references to her have been found. The first is in the letter from Mary Cleland, dated 6 March 1859, written from Madison, CT, to JULIA CLELAND: 1 2

"do write soon as you can if it is only two lines and tell me how little Fannie is."

A week later, JOHN JACOB MESSERVE wrote on 12 March 1859, from 158 13th Street, New York City, to his wife, JULIA, who was probably at home in Bedford, Westchester County, NY: 3 2

"I hope Fannie keeps well & lets you sleep at night"

On 20 April 1859, Fannie died and was buried in the churchyard cemetery of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Bedford, NY.

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1 Mary Hattrick Cleland 10;5-2( ),4(2) maternal aunt
2 JULIA CLELAND 10;4-1(6) mother
3 JOHN JACOB MESSERVE 5;4-2(4) father

St. Matthew's Church

5;4-2(4),3(4) Edgar Barron Messerve b.21 Dec 1859 Hoboken, NJ	Allie b.
m. 5 Jul 1881 age 21	age
d. Wichita, KS age	d. age

Edgar Barron Messerve 5;4-2(4),3(4) Allie

Edgar, the fourth child and second son of JOHN JACOB MESSERVE and JULIA CLELAND, was born on 21 December 1859, in Hoboken, NJ. The first reference to Edgar we find in the letter written by his paternal grandmother, DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER, from Bedford Hill Country, Westchester County, NY, to JULIA CLELAND, on 9 April 1860: 1 2 3 2

"I received your kind and good letter on Saturday evening and I cannot tell you how pleased I was to recived it as I did not expect a letter from you knowing how all your time must be taken up with the Children and all you have to attend too and my Boy Barron Messerve gives you so much trouble and is it so is his name Barron or is it a joke of yours but let it go so untill I go down and then I shall know for true,"

A year later, Edgar's aunt, AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE, writing from Atlanta, GA, on 7 April 1861, to her mother, mentioned him briefly: 4 3

"you must kiss Edgar B for me I am so out of the baby line that I forget all about them"

An entry in his father's diary for 20 January 1867 provides us with our next news of Edgar: 1

"JULIA & My Self & Maggie Johny & Edgar went to Ch. Mr Hewes Preached Text Luke 10 C & 16 V" 2,1,5,6

In the letter DEBORAH wrote to her grandson, John, from Hartford, CT, on 21 May 1867, she included a message to Edgar: 3,6

"tell Eddy I will try and write him tell him grandmother says he must be a good Boy untill ? ? ? " 3

AMANDA added a few paragraphs to her husband's letter to JOHN to try to persuade him to join them in Norwich, CT written on 27 July 1867: 4,7,1

"if you cannot come murby you let Mageie and Eddy come" 5

DEBORAH wrote from Hoboken, NJ, on 14 January 1868, to her grandson, Edgar: 3

"Dear Eddy I received your letter all safe and I was very much pleased to get it I see my Eddy you have not forgot your grandmother you say you want to see me and when I am coming home I say I want to see you so much I do not know how to wate untill Spring when the Blew Birds will come and Sing for us what a happy day Dear Eddy to see you all once more ---- I hope you can read this letter my hand hurts me so"

It appears that the letter from Eddy that his grandmother is refering to is the following from Oldham dated only 30 December: 3

"Dear Grandma

I would like to see you very much. When are you coming home?

Papa has just come home, and feels pretty well. 1

Johnny has been making a sleigh for Jim Smith up on the mount- 6
ain.

From your loving grandson
Edgar Barron Messerve"

DEBORAH was planning to visit Edgar's parents at Squaw Brook Farm 3,1,2
now in North Haledon, NJ, when she wrote from Hoboken, NJ, on 12
March 1868:

"I hope it will be so that you can come for me bring joney or 6
Eddy with you and we can take all my things"

We do not know where his mother was but on 15 December 1870, Eddy 2
wrote her a little letter:

"I only have a little while before I have to do my barn-work. 8
Cle and I have been on the mountain to get evergreens today and
we saw a rabbit's nest Just as we got by it, the rabbit run a-
way. I think of borrowing Papa's gun to shoot the rabbit do 1
you think he will lend it to me? Maggie and I have been making 5
a star, a cross, and a triangle, all out of lath. to cover with
greens for the Church. I would like to know when you are coming
home because it seems so lonely with out you here ---- I am off
for paterson. your son Edgar"

In "Tracy's School Record" for the school-year of 1871-72, are
listed the attendence and class divisions for all of the children
of JOHN and JULIA except the eldest, Margaret Cleland Messerve'; 1,2,5
that is, John Edwin, Edgar Barron, Cleland, JULIA PUTNAM, and 6,8,9
Wallace Messerve'. Edgar and his younger brothers and sister were
listed in the "New Jersey School Register for 1872 to 1873 for
School District No. 12 In the Township of Manchester, County of
Passaic".

Ten year old JULIA wrote about her brother in her letter of 2 May 9
1873 to their mother who was visiting relatives in New York City: 2

"I was not dressed when you went away this morning and I would
not have been up then if Edgar had not waked me.---- This morn-
ing Papa forgot his spectacles and when he got to Paterson he 1
thought of them and sent Edgar back for them. Mr Van Blarcom
was coming down the road and Maggie asked him if he would give 5
Edgar a ride. But he said that Edgar could walk as fast as he
would drive but we hope he got a ride with someone else. When
Edgar and Johnny came home Edgar said he had to walk only as 6
far as Mr Blamire's and rode from there on horseback and when
he met Papa Papa said that he did not expect him for a half an 1
hour ---- Edgar and Johnny brought up Mr. Blamires bookcase 6
this morning"

We learn a bit more of Edgar's activities from the letter his
brother, Wallace, wrote on 15 December 1873 to their maternal 10
grandmother, JULIA COTTRELL: 11

"I wish you could see our nice little bantams. Edgar has just
been trading two of his old ones for a pair of another kind."

More than three years pass by before we hear the next news of Edgar. He did write a letter to his mother without dating it but judging by its style and content, may have been written during that period: 2

"Jonny Rue asked me to go with him to Hempstead on Tuesday afternoon coming back on Wednesday morning. He is going up there with the horse after his other waggon, as I thought that this would be the only chance I would have to go there and see the place so I thought I would stay down and go with him expect me home about one or two o'clock on Wednesday but never mind about sending the waggon for me because I wont expect it and can walk just as well as not." 12

On 9 November 1876, Johnny left his home and family at Squaw Brook Farm, North Haledon, NJ, to "seek his fortune" in the West. On the first anniversary of his departure, he writes the details of his trip as a part of his letter to his mother as a "flashback" in which he mentions Edgar: 6 2

"---Arriving at Paterson, there we found Papa, JULIA, Edgar, T. Leonhard, and several othere waiting to see us:----" 1,9

John provides us with our next news of Edgar in his letter of 18 September 1877 from Durham Farm, Girard, KS, to their father: 6 1

"I hope Edgar succeeds with his milk route; it looks like business; I would like to hear from Ed. how he progresses and <u>anything</u> about his arrangements."

The following spring, on 28 March 1878, writing from Civer, IL, to his father, John refers again to Edgar: 1,6

"I did not know that Edgar had sold his milk route untill I received your letter: I am sorry that he had to; I was in hopes that he would make a good thing from it."

About a year later we learn that Edgar has joined his brother John in the West. He describes his trip in his letter from Milan, MO, on 16 March 1879, to his father: 6 1

"It is about time I told you somthing about my journy out hear, and my impresions of the place since I have been here.

I suppose you received the postals I sent you, one from Buffalo one from Chicago, and one that Johnny sent from here yesterday. Now about the journey. Of course you know about the many friends that came to see me off, and for the first few miles that kept my mind busy, then when I began to look around me, and to talk with a few of my nearest neighbors, I found that traveling wasent so bad after all. I got in with a young fellow that was going to Buffalo to work job of painting, and of course it made the time pass better for both of us. When we arived at Hornelsville we had two hours to spend in looking around which we did and I think got a pretty good idea of the place. It is quite a large place and has an appearence like Hempstead Long Island. After we started from there we made no long stops untill we got to Buffalo, where we had about two or three hours to (go) around again, but it being so much larger we could only skip a- 6

round here and there and then skip back to our train. I was in hopes that (we) could see the falls when (we) went over the suspension bridge but they made no stop untill they got on this side about three miles as near as I could find out, (the place we stoped at was Clifton you may know somthing about it,) after wating there about an hour we started again for Detroit, and arrived there about 7 A.M. Where we changed Cars and started almost immediately for Chicago arriveing there about 7 P.M. after waiting there untill 9.5 P.M. we started for Burlington on Express train arriving there 7 A.M. Friday. I had nearly three hours to wait and do any thing I wanted to do till the train started for Milan where I arrived at 5.35 P.M.

Instead of having any troble in recognizing each other as Johnny feared, he came in the train when it stoped and as soon as he seen me said well how is Ed fine, how is Jack, fine thats all right shake ———————— hands then we went up to the store and he introduced me to all the folks in the store and showed me around a little and chined me agreat deal about every thing immaginable and every thing else which I guess I answered satisfactorly and by that time it was bedtime Sat morn we got up went to breakfast (I slept with Johnny in the store where he has a bed) and then we went to work or that is he went to work and I looked at the rest (they have four clerks here in the store) work around the store wait on customers etc. and by afternoon got in to selling along with the others. I suppose for the present I shall stay here I dont know for how long, it may be only a few days when I leave hear it will be to go a few miles south of here where they are going to start a store

Milan is pronouced Milen the accent on the first sylable.

P.S. This place much resembles Jersey up in the Mountains only without stones"

It is obvious Edgar doesn't have his brother's skill in spelling. Milan is located about 30 miles south of the Iowa State line in Sullivan County and about at the center of this border area of Missouri.

We read a comment on Edgar's departure from his cousin, Julia Ella Dowd, who wrote from New York City on 18 March 1879, to JULIA CLELAND:

"I received your letter Friday evening and we were all very much surprised to learn of Eddie's sudden departure for the West and real sorry that we did not have a visit from him before he went ---- there seems a great deal to be thankful for in his being with or near Johnnie"

Edgar is working at the branch store of L. Ketcham & Bro.'s in Cora, MO, as he predicted in his letter of 16 March 1879 but this is not confirmed until the following April. It does explain the comment by John in his letter from Milan dated 5 December 1879 to his father:

"Ed was up to see me yesterday - 3rd - my birthday - and says he will come up and spend next Sunday, 7th, with me."

Early in 1880, John returned to Squaw Brook Farm for his first visit home since his departure for the West about three years earlier. His youngest brother, Cleland, accompanied him on the trip back to northern Missouri. Cle described his reunion with Edgar in part of his letter written from Cora, MO, to his mother: 6 8 2

> "----Thurs. morn. 5.25 we started for Milan arriving there at 4.00 o'clock P.M after a very tedius journy the most tedius and tiresome one of the whole trip though it was only eleven hours but at any rate we got there where I stayed till Fri. afternoon when I left for Cora, arriving in a very jubilant mood, and it didn't take me long to go from the depot to Ketchams store to see Ed. (who by-the-way had a letter from Papa saying that (I) was going "West" with Johnnie) and when we did meet I tell you it was a happy time for both and was well worth my trip. We soon left the store however and walked down the R.R. track and talked and talked until Supper time then we went to supper after which we went on talking till long after dark, and we're not through talking yet" 1

John commented on Cle's visit with Edgar in his letter to their mother written from Milan on 7 April 1880: 6,8 2

> "Cle went down to Cora on Friday afternoon to see Ed. and I expect they had a big talk. On Sunday morning I took a hand-car and with the aid of another young man went to Cora for Ed. and Cle. got back to Milan, about 12 M. had dinner at the Crumpacker House, and in the afternoon made several calls with the rest of the Ketcham clerks---- 8
>
> Never was a boy more pleased than Ed was when he saw the things we had brought him. On Sunday afternoon we gave them to him, but none took his eye, nor would he hardly look at anything for some time but JULIA's, and your picture: he thought they were so nice. 9,2
>
> Ed has just come up to see us so I will close for this time ----"

Again looking to John for news, he wrote from Milan on 4 July 1880, primarily about Cle's activities, but added bits of information about Edgar as well: 6 8

> "---- did Cle tell you that he had left Milan and gone to Cora? ---- He has been with Ed for a few weeks, in the Store, but Ed has gone now, over to a town called Greencastle, about 16 miles east of Milan, on the new "East and West R.R." named "Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific R.R. Ed stopped here on his way last week; said he was going there to open a new Store for his firm: left Cle to look after the Store at Cora." 8

On 25 August 1880, from Milan, John referred to Ed in his next letter home: 6

> "The Cora store where Ed was with L.K. & Bro's, has been closed, and the Goods shipped to this Store. Where would Ed. be now if he had staid! Ed was over here Saturday night: he looks fat and hearty, and is doing well."

and again on 20 October 1880:

> "I will have to beg off now and answer your letter another time -

I sent it over for Ed to read - just got it back."

The last news we have of Edgar for the year also comes from John, who wrote from Milan on 16 December 1880: 6 2

"I went down to Cora on Tuesday night to see Ed (he is well) with the velocipede car - "

Edgar received a letter addressed to him at Mendota, MO, from Emma P. Meserve of Mendota, IL, dated 14 January 1881, in answer to his inquiry concerning a possible relationship. She listed the names of her father, grandfather, two uncles and a cousin but none are familiar to us. We quote part of one paragraph:

"It is quite a coincidence that there should be two Messerves in two Mendotas - I trust your Mendota is a livelier town than this, or I shall think the name carries the curse of stagnation with it. Our name was originally Messervey."

It is apparent from Edgar's letter from Mendota, MO, of 29 June 1881, to his mother, that he was not the poor correspondent that our reliance on "second-hand" news from his brother, John, might imply. Why so many of John's letters were saved for us but relatively few of Edgar's cannot be explained. One unfortunate result is that, although we meet Allie in this letter, we never learn her family name: 2 6

"Since writing to you some weeks ago, things have changed somewhat, that is; my plans for the future are changed, or rather, hurried up a little. Mr Trites and family are going away, to see their folks in Ill, and want to start as soon as possible after 4th July — and stay month or six weeks - They knew of our arrangements (Allie & I) and Mrs Trites asked me if we could hurry up our wedding arrangements, and come and keep house for them, while they were gone as the other Clerks as well as myself were boarding with them, and would make it necessary, for sombody to be there. This being the only time that Mr Trites could get away — on acct. of business and as we were going to have rooms in there house, when we did go to housekeeping, thought we could manage it all very nicly, - Keeping up there boarding arrangments untill they got back, and then going into our own apartments, and settleing down like "old people", We will be married next Tuesday July 5th and come to Mendota next morning, 6th, will have quiet wedding at her Brothers, her folks & John & Mattie, being the only invited guests. of course this means an invitation to you all, if it were possible to get here. ---- 6,14

As I said before, we are going to have rooms, in Mr Trites House, to live in, making it very pleasant for Mrs T - and Allie too as they have been acquainted with each other, for a long time. We are not going to do anything about House-Keeping - untill after the folks come back.

I am going to write to Cle tonight, and tell him of my coming marriage----" 8

We get a bit of news about the wedding directly from Edgar in his letter from Mendota on 12 July 1881, to his mother: 2

"Your very welcome letter dated 29th ult - recd on 5th inst, while I was at Milan. Did'nt get a chance to go down to spend the 4th was to busy, We commenced Invoicing last of June, and having very large Stock, and being short handed - it took us untill late Saturday (2nd) to get thro - and that was merely taking account of stock and prices, without making any extentions which we had to do afterwards, besides closing the Books which had to be done before Mr Trites went away, so I gave up my 4th and went to work, worked all Sunday & Fourth - just got through in time, to leave on 1 oclock Train Tuesday 5th went down to Milan, you have seen by my letter (which by the way, you did'nt get as soon as I expected you would) that our wedding was fixed for that day, on account of Mr Trites and family wanting to go away as soon as possible after the Fourth.

Every thing went off nicly, we went to Johnnie's to stay Tuesday night, and came up to Mendota Wed - morning. Met with a Hearty welcome by Mr & Mrs Trites, gave us a dinner in honor of the Wedding, We expected to have John & Mattie come up with us, but John could'nt get away.

Mr Trites and Family left Mendota Friday Morning For Canton Ill, leaving us (Allie & I) to Keep things going till they come back, which will be in 3 4 or 5 weeks.

We are getting along very nicly, would have written you all about it sooner after we were married, but have been so busy, I hardly know which way to turn. Mr Trites going away and leaving me every thing to do, all of last Months "returns" to make, which were delayed, on acct Invoicing etc.

Johnnie told me that he was going to write home next day, so I suppose you have heard from him some of the particulars of the wedding etc. The Episcopal Minister from Kirksville, Rev Mr Wager officiated. 6

You ask me to describe my Allie to you. I will try, and as soon as possible send her Photo.

She has blue eyes - brown hair - (about the color of sister Maggies) light complexion, about an inch shorter than I, weighs about 125# av — 5

---- Allie just came in the office and joins me in sending Love to all."

The description of the wedding we're looking for comes from John's wife, Mattie, in her letter written from Milan on 18 July 1881, to JULIA CLELAND: 6 14 2

"Of course you know of Ed's wedding but perhaps I can add a few words that the "boys" failed to think of. Maggie asked for a discription of or a piece of my wedding dress, and it reminds me now that you might wish to know the same in regard to Allie. She looked very sweet not at all "bridish" but like myself, - was dressed in dark wine colored cashmere trimmed in satin. Quite warm for that eve. but it is a dress that will be of great service to her. She had a real pretty brown dress just made over, which she wore for her traveling suit. 5

She uses very good taste in her selection of clothing although she wears nothing very expensive, she always looks well.

I think she will make a good wife and I know she will make a great deal better housekeeper and cook than I do. but I am trying to hurry up about my work so that when she visits us again that I will have things nearer like she has them."

John is our only source for news of Edgar and Allie for the rest of the year and all of 1882 and that is rather meagre. In his letter to his mother on 8 September 1881, writing from Milan, John referred to Ed and Allie: 6 2

"Ed did not come down last Sat. as we expected but Allie came on Friday afternoon & Ed expected to come Sat. night but they were too busy to let him off: he did not know that he could not come intil Sat. They are both coming down on the 17th inst. I guess. Allie went home Mon. morn."

We hear nothing of Edgar and Allie until 19 July 1882 when John wrote again to his mother: 6 2

"I sent your last letter to Ed, and although he has written me since he did not return it ---- Ed says he has added a kitchen to his "room": they must enjoy it, surely, for they have been cooped up so long in the one room."

Elsie Barron Messerve was born on 27 May 1882 to Edgar and Allie but the first we learn of it is from John's letter to his mother on 27 July 1882: 15 6,2

"We went up to Unionville last Saturday, ---- Just as we were called to dinner Dell Haynes came in & told me that Ed & Jesse Ketcham was in town & wanted me to go out with them: they had a team & buggy.---- Mattie & I went "uptown" to see Ed and as there was not enough room for M. to ride, and she was not prepared to go, she staid. We got to the store (M'd) about 5 o' clock; "visited" until almost 12 o'clock, and was up by 5 next morning,---- Ed & Allie are well, and since they got the shed kitchen are living quite comfortably: Elsie looks like Ed and and JULIA did at her age and looks something like Maggie's picture when she was little:" 14,6 15 9,5

The only other news for the year also comes from John's letter from Milan on 5 October 1882, to his mother. It does appear that Edgar is opening a grocery store in Milan and that John is taking an active part in its operation: 6 2

"I had the Stock of Groceries invoiced last Thurs & Friday, finished Fri. noon, and commenced selling at once. Ed has been hindered from coming and is not here yet, but I think he will certainly be here by Sat. afternoon. ----Ed's furniture etc came Sat. last, and Allie came Friday; she is trying to get the house to rights, but I guess the bulk of it will have to be left for Ed to do, ---- Elsie is very good and sweet; looks like Ed, Maggie & JULIA. ---- When Ed gets here and Mr. S. gets back, Col. M. will be needed no longer: Ed will manage the books, and the business in general." 15 5,9

In John's letter of 17 January 1883, we read the next bit of news. 6

Greencastle,MO, is about 13 miles east of Milan, MO:

"Ed & family are well. ---- Allie is preparing to go home to Green Castle tomorrow I believe: dont know how long she intends to stay, but suppose, several days, or a week."

John, now in Mendota, MO, mentions Ed's business in Milan briefly in his letter of 24 May 1883: 6

"Ed reports the store business thriving nicely"

and again in his following letter home on 30 May 1883:

"Ed reports our business in good shape tho' trade is light at this time of year: Money matters are a little tight with him. By the way he wrote me a day or two ago I think he did not send you the 10.00, but I will request him to do so right away."

and yet again on 14 June 1883:

"I recd a letter from Ed this morning: ---- he says they are all well: business quiet."

Finally, we hear directly from Edgar in his letter to his mother dated 20 July 1883 for which he uses the letterhead of his grocery store: 2

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E. B. MESSERVE.
J. E. MESSERVE.

Milan, Mo., July 20 1883

Dear Mother

"Your letter of 15th inst came to hand yesterday, I send enclosed the august remittance in advance, also two dollars for JULIA, she said she wanted me to send her money to take her to scarsdale. we are all getting along very nicly. business is improving some-what. ---- 9

Allie & Elsie are getting along nicly, ---- 15

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And in Canned Goods They do excel,
All kinds of Berries and finest Jell.
Their Crockery line none can surpass,
With finest Queensware and Cut Glass;
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From Mendota, John mentions Edgar in his letter of 8 August 1883 6
to JULIA CLELAND: 2

"I heard from Ed to day that trade was quiet though steady at Milan and they are well"

Our final news of the year comes directly from Edgar in his letter from Milan of 5 September 1883 to JULIA CLELAND: 2

"I send you enclosed P O order $10,00. I ought to gotten this off on lst of this month, but my time was so filled up that I didn't get to it till now.

We are all well, Elsie growing as fast as ever ---- 15

Our business is running along about as usual, getting a little better as it grows later in the season, Johnny & folks were all 6
well the last time I heard from them.----"

We start the year well with direct news from Edgar in his letter from Milan on 23 January 1884, to his mother: 2

"I send you enclosed P O order $10,00 which I hope will reach you safe - wish it was twice as much.

Your nice news'y letter of 26th & 27th ult - came to hand alright, was glad to hear that Papa got off -, and down there - hope it will be a benifit to his health, ---- on Friday Jan 4 ---- when I went home from the Store, it was 28 below, and Sat morn - 6 oclock it was 35 - and staid at that until nearly night when it moderated some, ---- That Fri & Sat - 4th & 5th was the coldest days that was ever known in this country -, and there (were) quite a number of people that the county had to provide homes for temporarily. we kept very comfortable, we have a warm house - quite small - and a good stove -, besides a cook Stove - and burn hickory wood - and when they get going full blast, cold weather, hasn't got much business around them. we are all well at present, Elsie caught quite a severe cold a 15
few days ago - but is about over it now - Johnnie came down 6
last saturday & staid till Monday morning, he reports every body in good health a(t) Mendota

I sent you several days ago - a copy of the Milan Free Press with a discription of Milan as it begun the year 84 I suppose you received it alright ----"

On 25 January 1884, John reveals that he and Edgar have decided 6
to sell their grocery business, MESSERVE BROS, in his letter home:

"I went to Milan last Saturday as I intended, found Ed, Allie & Elsie well and comfortably housed for the cold weather: better 15
fixed than last winter, as they have a basement & cellar now, & none under the house they were in. I found the store full of goods, clean & enticing: trade quiet - the accounts in good shape but it is "scratch gravel" to make payments on time when our receipts are light: of course we have paid all the notes we gave in payment for the stock but when we buy a car-load of flour it falls due before we sell half of it. We get along though & Ed & I are the only ones that know that the shoe pinches.

Our scheme now is to sell out if we can find a purchaser: we have thought of it for six months - to sell this spring and migrate to a lively town, that is good in morals too."

JOHN JACOB MESSERVE was still in Atlanta, GA, recuperating from his illness when JULIA CLELAND brought him up to date on the news of their sons in her letter of 20 April 1884:

"Edgar stays just the same where he is, and if he has a good opportunity to sell out, will do so, and migrate to Wichita, to take situation similar to Johnnie's if obtainable, or other, or if they deem it best, go into business again ---- Had a letter with remittance, last week from Edgar. They have moved into the first house Johnnie occupied when he kept house in Milan."

We hear again from Edgar from Milan on 2 May 1884 but he writes more news of his brother, John, than of his own:

"Your letter of 23rd I recd on 28th ult- I wrote in answer to yours of 18th, on the 22nd suppose you have received it before now. I send send enclosed P O order for $10.00, am glad to hear Father is enough better to come home. ----

We are all well here and getting along nicly - our store business is very quiet just now, I was in hopes I could have had a little longer time, so as to have written more of a letter - but will have to put it off - till next time. Elsie says - "give ove - Grandma" Allie joins me in love to all"

Edgar's letters seem to follow a predictable content but his next letter of 6 June 1884 adds a political note:

"I send you by this mail - altho in seperate envelope, P O order for 10.00. ----

We are all well here - Elsie has bloomed out into a"two-year-old" since I wrote you before - (her birthday is May 27th) ----

Our business here is very quiet & dull, and probably will be until the prospect of a good crop is an undisputed fact, then trade may revive enough for us to sell out. ---- I rec'd a letter from Maggie on May 7th giving the news of the arrival of a brand-new-girl, If I dont hurry up and go back to see the folks- I wont know all of my kinfolks, when I see them, Maggie said also in her letter that Father had got home, how is his health? does it seem to be improved since his return. ----

Hurrah for Blaine & Logan - a Ticket that will Sweep the Country next November - I think"

JULIA CLELAND received another letter from Edgar, still from Milan, dated 9 July 1884:

"I received a letter from Johnnie day before yesterday, and among other things he spoke of you needing a little extra money to help along the haying, so I here with "double" the "regular dose" and hope it will help through alright if it does'nt, please let me know, and I will try and raise some more - I send P.O. order for $20.00, in seperate envelope - as I did last time, I received your very welcome letter in due time, and am

very much ashamed of myself, for not getting about writing to you, except the once a month, but will promise to try to do better in the future,

We had an "old Soldiers" "reunion" at Milan, on the 3rd 4th & 5th of July - and it was a "grand success" - every thing went off smoothly - the estimate of the number of visitors, is about 20,000 They had a Street parade, Prize Drill, and Sham Battle, every thing passed off quietly no drunkeness or rowdism, during either of the three days, nobody hurt - not even a runaway team, a few pick pockets got in their work - but that was all that happened out of the regular order of things

The Citizens of Milan think this will be a lasting benifit to Milan, before this went off, Milan bore rather a hard name, at a distance, and they think that, the fact of this large gathering of people here, without any disturbance of any kind, it will counteract the bad feeling held against the town. ----

We are all well - business very quiet again, and will probably remain so until after "Harvest","

John wrote home from Wichita, KS, on 24 July 1884 that: 6

"Ed has not sold out yet"

On 7 September 1884, Edgar, writing from Milan, MO, sent a long letter to his mother:

"I suppose you have received the letter I wrote you from Wichita, long before now, and wondering why you dont receive the one I was going to write you on my return.

I arrived home last Wednesday about noon, and since then, my time has been so taken up, that this (is) the first chance I have had to write.

The Sullivan County Fair has been going on all last week, and that gave us a little more to attend to than usual, and then, on account of my being away for a little more than a week there were quite a number of things to do, in order to get caught up,

Well, to go back to first principals, I left here in company with "Mack" Winters on Monday Aug 25th, at 3 oclock PM, arrived in Kansas City at 9 oclock P.M. we stoped there over night, until 10 A.M. next day, had time to take a good look around the City (you know I had never been there before)

We left there at 10 oclock AM - arriving in Wichita about 9 o-clock P.M. Johnny met us at the depot, we went home with him had supper - and went to bed, to sleep our first night in the "Grass Hopper" State, next morning we got up and went down town with John, and were introduced to the folks in the office - (Neiderlanders) then went down to Mr Lees office - (Real Estate too) where Mr Fegtly is, and made acquaintance of every body there and between the two places we put in the forenoon, after dinner we took a tour of City, and in fact, we did nearly the same thing nearly every day that I was there, only over different ground, so by the time I came away I was pretty well acquainted, with the town, and in the mean time, made the acquaintance of quite a number of the leading business men of the town.

I enjoyed myself "hughly" while I was there, and think W(ichita)

is one of the prettiest places I ever saw, besides being a lively business place, and situated in one of the best farming countrys - "out of doors",----

(Monday) On my way back I stoped off at Emporia, I looked up the Haynes Boys (Matties Couzins) they entertained me very nicly while I was there, showed me all over the town. I was very much pleased with the place but it dos'nt compare with Wichita, either for business or pleasure, ----

On my way back I stoped a short time in Kansas City, but of course I could'nt form much of an idea of the City in so short a time,

Came back home and found every thing about as I left it, Allie and Elsie are both well ---- 15

We are very anxious to sell out here, and when we do, we expect to go to Wichita, I have some prospect of selling now, but dont know how it will turn out, that is one of the things, that you cant hurry, ----"

The only other news - really "non-news" - of Ed for the year we find in the brief reference by John in his letter from Wichita, 6
to their mother on 9 October 1884: 2

"I made a payment on a couple of lots in the South part of town, today & got long time on the bal. and a promise from the owner to reserve two lots next to them for Ed if he wants them & will take them soon."

Sometime between 7 September 1884 and 9 April 1885, it appears that Ed sold MESSERVE BROS and moved to Wichita, KS, but we have no information on the subject. For the year of 1885, the only news we find of Edgar and his family is in letters from his brother, John, all written from Wichita, to their mother. The first 6,2
of these is dated 9 April 1885:

"Your letter with Jule's enclosed, rec'd - Ed has it now, so perhaps I will not answer all you asked about.

Ed & Allie moved on Monday of this week to the new house on Market St. and while the rent is much higher - 13.75 per mo. - they will be better contented to be seperated from other families and have more room to breathe. They have bought a cow and expect to sell all of the milk to the neighbors @ 5¢ per qt. right at the house. The Cow-herder will take her to pasture with other cows each morning & return her every eve, for 2.00 per mo. - they expect to make at least one half of their rent that way & have all the milk they want to use themselves. Ed did not buy the 2 lots next to me on the South----"

A week later, on 16 April 1885, the news concerns only Allie:

"Allie had a sick spell last night - a smothering sensation and palpitation: a usual occurrence with her."

John's letter of 23 April 1885 hints at Ed's occupation but we have no record of his current employer:

"Mary gets along well: we give her cows milk from Ed's new cow 17

Ed changes his position on first of mo. - The N.Y. Store folks offered him their book keeper's place @ 55.00 & much shorter days than where he is."

Liddie is either Allie's sister or sister-in-law - we hear of her in John's reference of 4 June 1885: 6

"Ed & Liddie have been here this eve,"

On 9 July 1885, we learn that the brothers and families celebrated the Fourth together:

"Ed & family were over during the afternoon"

We do not know whether the visit was continuous but if it were, it was a long one, according to John's statement on 9 October 1885: 6

"Allie's sister and sister-in-law, went home on Monday last, so they three are alone again."

The rest of our news of Ed and Allie comes from John's letters of 4 November, 3 December and 31 December 1885, respectively: 6

"Ed & family are well now, tho' Ed had a bad cold last week. Allie & Elsie were over to see us this afternoon."

"Ed & family are well"

"All well at both houses - We take dinner with Ed & family tomorrow - both of us will be busy all day except meal times."

News of Ed during 1886 is even more meagre than the previous one, all from John as usual until the one from Ed in December. John's contributions are dated 17 February, 25 February, 16 June and 21 July 1886 respectively: 6

"Ed and his family are well: Ed will soon be building a house as he has secured some lots and planned his house."

"Ed and family are well"

"Ed - Cle & I are pegging away in the same old way at our books - no change in that direction. The latest news we have to communicate is that Allie and Elsie - also Mrs Haynes, Myrtle, and Mary - will start for Missouri in a week or two to stay about two months." 8,6 15 17

"Allie was well when last heard from"

The letter from Ed, from Wichita, to his mother, is dated 15 December 1886. Presumably, Ed is employed in the grocery business as a book-keeper. He uses the letterhead of J.M. Allen & Co., reproduced on the next page. About half of his letter is devoted to the activities of his brother, Cleland: 8

OFFICE OF

J. M. ALLEN & CO.,

Wholesale and Retail Grocers.

COAL OIL, GASOLINE AND SALT, SPECIALTIES.

112 DOUGLAS AVENUE.

Wichita, Kan. Dec 14 1886

"I send enclosed ? order for 5.00, would have sent it sooner in the month, but wanted to write more than a line when I sent it ----

We are getting along abt the same as usual, Allie has been troubled a great deal this fall & winter with tooth ache & neuralgia, but has about recovered from it now, and in hopes it will all be gone soon Elsie is getting along very nicly ---- 15
will close now as its getting late All join in sending love and wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"

Five letters from Edgar written from Wichita and six references by John in his letters written from Emporia, KS, all to their 6
mother, give us a fairly good history of Edgar and his family for the year of 1887. The first two news-bits are from John dated 11 February and 1 June 1887, respectively:

"Ed wrote a few days ago, in a business way, and only mentioned that "all were well except colds" "

"I stayed at Ed's on Sat night. (Sunday) afternoon Ed and I went out to the cemetery. Ed and I took a short drive on Sunday morning"

On 5 July 1887, both brothers wrote home. First we shall read the comments by John: 6

"I heard from Ed a few days ago, and he is getting along very well. It is very likely that you will get a remittance toward the end of the month to help with the hay. ---- Ed will sell our property as soon as he can, and then we expect to be out of the pinch."

Apparently, Edgar has left J.M. Allan & Co. and is now working for the Wichita National Bank, since he is using the bank stationary:

"---- The first thing in order is a little business, after which I'll try and gather up a little news etc. I send enclosed Dft $10.00 to cover June 1st & July 1st remittances, about July 15th we (John & I) will try and send 20.00 for haying purposes, (John 6
sent me your last letter to him,) and on Aug ist or as soon after as possible, will try and send the remaining $20.00, but I

for one - (and I think John is of the same opinion) dont want it to be considered as our Aug, Sept, Oct, & Nov remittances in advance, if we can possibly avoid it, I think now, we can. we are neither one of us, "flush", oweing to paying up "old scores" but we will do the best we can with the material we have to work with. ---- With your exceptionally good memory of anniversary's you have probably thought of it before now, that today is the 6th anniversary of our wedding - it doesn't seem possible that it can be so long, for I feel as young and boyish as I did 8 years ago when I left home to "go west young and grow up with the country", but time flies, and it has flown it's fastest, (if you can understand this kind of phraseoligy) with regard to me the past 6 years -, Allie & Elsie left here Thurs June 16th going home to her Mothers at Greencastle to stay a while, expecting to return about July 15th to Aug 1st, She hadin't thought much about going away this Summer, auntie Lizzie, (Jims Wife) who was going to visit her mother & Sister in Mo near Milan, for a month or two, perhaps all Summer, suggested the idea of her going, we talked it over, and thought it would be a good idea, as last summers trip had done her so much good, 15

I have heard from her several times since she has been there, She is feeling much better than when she first got there, as they happen to be having nice cool weather, she doesn't think now she will stay later than the 15th, but maybe later,

I do very much as I did last Summer, with the exception that I get my own breakfast, at home, before I leave, my other meals I take at resturant, I am getting to be quite a good cook, on the breakfast part of the cooking, and as I dont go to the bank till about 8 oclock, I have plenty of time,----

The "4th" passed off as it usually does, with lots of bluster roar and confusion, a genuine old time "4th" ----"

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S. H. KOHN, President. A. W. OLIVER, Vice-President. M. W. LEVY, Cashier

WICHITA NATIONAL BANK.

Wichita, Kan. July 5th 1887

Using the same letterhead as reproduced above, Ed is the author of the next news dated 28 July 1887:

"Your "always welcome" letter of 13th inst, to hand in due time, it found us all well - Allie & Elsie had arrived home, on the day your letter was written, (13th) not staying as long as she at first thought she would, but altogether had a very pleasant 15

visit, and glad to get back home, better pleased with Kansas & Wichita than ever, she felt much better for her trip, and is feeling better every day - and thinks that her present good health is permanent, ---- I am very glad to hear that you are getting along as well as you are, wish it was in our power to add to your comfort and general well-fare, more than we do -

"I send enclosed Dft 40.00 $20. from each of us John & I instead of 20.00 on 15th & 20.00 on 8/1, I fully intended to send the first half on 15th inst - but was unavoidably delayed - ----" 6

John's brief reference on 8 September 1887: 6

"Late letters from Ed, and Cle, report things in good condition with them." 8

is followed by another letter from Edgar dated 12 September 1887, on a different letterhead for Wichita National Bank reproduced below:

M. W. LEVY, President. — 2786. — A. W. OLIVER, Vice Pres't. — L. A. WALTON, Cashier.

WICHITA NATIONAL BANK

Wichita, Kans. Sept 12 1887

"---- we are all in usual good health ----

Cle spent several days with us about the middle of August, making some arrangments shopping etc for his approaching "double harness act" ---- on Sept 21st he will be married to Miss Elsie West of Bussey Iowa, ---- I suppose this seems very sudden to you, as it does to us here, we knew nothing of it until, he came down here about three weeks ago, I think it will be the best thing he can do have a tendency to make him settle down, ---- 8 18

Allie was very much troubled with neuralgia last winter tried all the home remedies, and not getting relief Dr Fabrique, prescribed for her which relieved her in about 15 to 30 minutes, and in the course of about a week entirely cured her, she had another attack of it about two weeks ago, I had the prescription refilled and three times taking relieved the pain entirely and hasn't had it since, the doctor says it is a preparation of Soda,

We learn from John in his letter of 22 September 1887 that the three brothers are planning a reunion: 6

"I will go to Wichita on Sat. evening, to spend Sunday with the folks, and celebrate Cle's birthday, and return Sunday night. 8

Ed wrote that Cle would be there on Sunday 25th and though I had intended to have gone last Sunday to see the folks, I postponed my visit for a week so that we might have a reunion."

It seems odd that John would mention Cle's birthday which is 25 September but not a word about Cle's wedding day on 21 September. They did enjoy their planned reunion as Ed reports in his letter of 8 October 1887: 6,8

"----Since I wrote you last, Cle has "been" and got married, they came here on their way home, staid from Thurs night 'til Monday morning, we all had a pleasant visit while they were here, John came down Sat night, and staid until Sunday night, ---- I heard from Cle after they got home, they got home safly, but had quite a tiresome trip, John sent me a letter he got from Aunt Fanny last Sunday - saying they would start for Portland Tuesday afternoon passing through Wichita Wed morning, 6.30 I went up to the depot, and met them there, it was a pleasant meeting I can assure you, if you remember it is nearly eleven years since I saw them, it was on the train at Paterson when they were on their way to Girard, Aunt Fanny was very glad to see me, could hardly believe her eyes, that it was me, as She was'nt expecting to see me, they dont look much older - not nearly as much older as they are, we knew each other, at first sight, before I had got to them. 8 6 19

We are all well here, Mary is well, and persists now in calling me papa, she says I am uncle Ed - but I am papa too, ---- 17

I thought I was homesick before and was looking forward to the time when we could go, with a great deal of impatients for me, but when I went up and saw Aunt Fanny & Uncle James, it made me worse than ever, I just wanted to start right off then, without waiting another day, 19,20

I send enclosed dft 5.00 ----"

On 13 October 1887, John reported on Ed's brief visit with Aunt Fanny on the train and on some of his own wedding plans: 6 19

"When I rec'd Aunt Fanny's last letter, saying when they would start, I sent it immediately to Ed, and Ed wrote last week that he went to the depot Wed morning 6.30 and saw them - all were glad even for so short a visit - half an hour or less, probably. ---- All the trip we will have will be out to Wichita for a few days and then back to Reading ---- for a day or so, and then home here. ---- During our visit in Wichita we will divide our time between Mrs Hayne's house and Ed's." 19

We have almost no news of Edgar at all, and none directly, for the year of 1888. One bit of news is mentioned by Elsie West as she describes the move from Leoti, KS, to Wichita, to JULIA CLELAND in her letter dated 14 March 1888: 18 2

"We stayed with Ed and Allie two nights - because it was extremely cold. then I needed rest after my trip "

On 29 April 1888, Cle mentioned that Ed helped him straighten out the books for Lee and Viele, House and Sign Painters, in Wichita: 8

"After working night and day getting help from Ed. and Elsie, untangling a set of Books ---- getting this set of books in a condition that prompted even Mr Viele to say that he had never had his books in as good condition as then, I was discharged because they thought they could do them." 18

Four other news-bits have been found; all from John in letters from Emporia to his mother, dated respectively; 27 July, 20 September, 27 September and 20 December 1888: 6 2

"I have not heard from Ed since 10 days ago;"

"I have not heard from Ed for more than a week,"

"I have no word from Ed or Cle, though expect to hear from Ed in a day or two." 8

"Your letter written on the 14th came to hand today, and that, with Maggie's letter to Ed which he sent us to read, gave us a pretty thorough understanding of the condition of things:"

On 11 January 1889, Edgar's father, JOHN JACOB MESSERVE, died. John started his letter to his mother on that day but added the post-script at the bank on the 12th: 1 6

"---- this afternoon at 2.45 I received, at the bank the message from Maggie that Papa was dying, ---- I suppose you have notified Ed and Cle - otherwise I would have telegraphed them today. ---- 5,1 8

PS - I received a message from Ed this morning to the effect that - Papa died last night funeral next week -" 1

Except for one letter from Ed in October, all of our news for the rest of the year is from John in his letters to their mother. They at least tell us that the brothers write to each other frequently, that Ed has the same job and that his family continues to be well. In the first, on 17 January 1889, in obvious reference to their father's death, John writes: 6 1,6

"During the past week a number of letters have passed between Ed and me, so we are both informed as to each one's information"

The remaining nine letters from John which include a mention of Ed are dated in order: 6

15 March 1889:

"Your nice long letter of 4th _ 6th arrived on Sun 10th, and was quite satisfactory: I forwarded it to Ed yesterday."

5 April 1889:

"I have not heard from Ed lately,"

21 June 1889:

"I rec'd a letter from Ed this morn: he reports all well there."

30 June 1889:

"I dont hear much news from Ed, but they were well when I last heard."

14 July 1889:

"A short letter from Ed reports all well there."

28 July 1889:

"I have heard from Ed since I wrote you last; they are all well, nothing new down there,"

4 August 1889:

"Ed writes that all are well and he is very busy."

8 September 1889:

"Ed writes that all are well,"

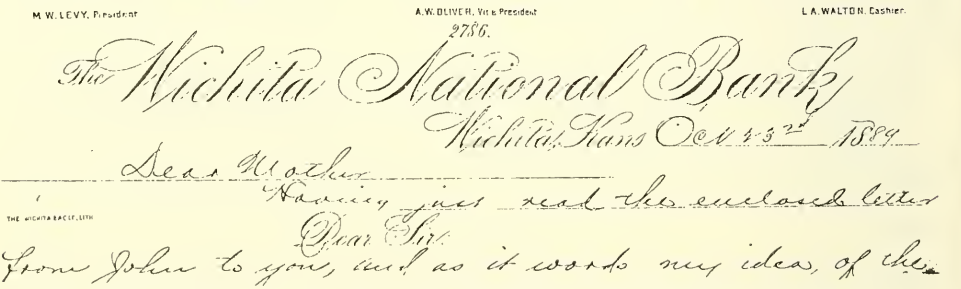
and 15 September 1889:

"Ed writes that all are well there."

On 22 October 1889, John devoted his entire letter to a business proposition to his mother to which we refer. In one paragraph, he writes: 6 2

"I will send this letter to Ed to read and add any thing he has to say, when it will be forwarded to you"

Ed added his thoughts on the subject in his letter to his mother from Wichita on 23 October 1889. He used a new letterhead from the Wichita National Bank of which a reduced copy follows: 2


M. W. LEVY, President A. W. OLIVER, Vice President L. A. WALTON, Cashier.

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The Wichita National Bank

Wichita, Kans. Oct 22nd 1889

Dear Mother

Having just read the enclosed letter

THE WICHITA EAGLE, LITH

Dear Sir

from John to you, and as it words my idea, of the

"Having just read the enclosed letter from John to you, and as it words my idea, of the matter, probably better than I could myself, I shall add but little. It is in accordance with a plan discussed between us, we thinking, that, as we were paying interest on our different real estate purchases, amounting in the agregate to as much, probably, as the fund you have at int, the rates of interest we pay being from 7% to 10%, all paid to Strangers, that you might better have the benefit of the int we pay

than to have your money loaned at a much lower rate of int, providing of course, that it is your intention to continue to keep your money at interest, If you should favor the plan of loaning a part, or all of the fund to us, we can talk of, and arrange our securities to your satisfaction later on, "

The final reference to Ed is in John's letter of 10 November 1889: 6

"I sent Maggie's letter to Ed today" 5

Seven months pass with no word of or by Edgar. Then, we read the letter from Edgar from Wichita to his mother who is visiting Cle at his home in Minburn, IA, on 26 June 1890, during her trip through the Mid-west. Another new letterhead for the bank is reproduced below: 2,8

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Wichita National Bank,
WICHITA.

June 26th 1890

"John sent me the two last letters he received from you, that I might know of you, and your arrangments regarding your visit etc I couldn't help wondering, & comparing the difference in the time it took you to go from Paterson to Chicago, something over 27 hours and the time it took me to cover the same ground eleven years ago - nearly 48 hours. We were glad to hear of your safe arrival at Minburn and of the pleasant visit while there, and am a little afraid that the warm weather we are having in Kansas will be trying to you, but we have a breeze most all of the time, and the nights are mostly cool, and we will all do our best to make it comfortable for you. 6

We are making arrangments, (as John (h)as already written you) to spend the 4th 5th & 6th at Emporia, and by your last letter I see that you will be there too, and if Cle & family could only be there too, what a nice little family gathering we could have of it, We are not quite sure that we can be at Emp. for more than the one day 4th, on account that I may not be able to get away for any longer, as our Cashier Mr Walton leaves on July 1st and his successor being a new hand at the wheel, Mr Levy thinks we may not be able to do without any of us on Sat. 5th it being a very busy day, but we will hope for the best, we are all well but having very hot weather, All send love to you & Cle & family" 6 8 8

We do not know whether Ed was able to extend his visit with John and reunion with his mother for more than one day but John's entry in his sister, JULIA's, album, which apparently their mother took with her on the trip, indicates that Edgar and his family were there on the Fourth: 6 9

"Sister JULIA, 9

In memory of Mamma's and Edgar's, and his family's, visit to our house here today, I will sign myself 2

Your Aff. brother John 6

Emporia, Ks. July 4th 1890"

We have no more news of Ed for the year except for John's short statement in his letter to his mother dated 14 December 1890: 6

"I received a letter from Ed this morning"

News in 1891 is even more meagre. On 18 January 1891, we find the same brief reference by John: 6

"Ed wrote lately, but said nothing about home affairs, so I suppose all are well."

The only direct news from Ed follows in his letter of 9 February 1891:

"I suppose by this time, you must have begun to think that "feller" Ed has gone back on his "first love" but "taint" so only the same old story, procrastination. Allie has just completed the other splasher and wanted me to take it up in the morning to mail it to you, and wanted me to say that she is very much ashamed that she has been so long getting it done, but she waited some time before she found a pattern to stamp it by, that suited her. she wants to know now, if its a fair question, if you have the one finished, which you took to do.

I dont know whether we talked much of it while you were here last summer or not, but it had been our intention to have Elsie 15
take music lessons while she was small, ---- the one drawback in the way of her beginning was that we had no instrument for her to practice on, after making up our minds that we couldn't afford to buy one for some time ---- an oppertunity presented itself by which we were able to purchase a piano ---- an old one ---- that on account of its being "old style" ---- and after more or less "dickering" we bo't it for $50.00 which we thought was very fortunate just now. ---- .

Allie has had good luck with her plants this winter has had a good many of them in bloom all winter, I fixed up a lot of wire brackets to put up in the windows, so that they get all the sun that is possible, and look very pretty from outside ----"

On 17 January 1892, Elsie wrote to her grandmother and included a 15,2
bit of news:

"Mamma made two baskets and a table out of rope. Mamma has seventy plants."

We do not hear of or from Edgar or Allie until 1894. The first two bits of news come as usual from John, on 8 April and 15 April 6
1894, respectively. It is a complete surprise that John is writing from Los Angeles, CA, and to learn that Ed and his family are also there:

"Ed is not in actual business yet, but we have several schemes on foot, and hope to work out one of them to a profitable conclusion before very long."

"Ed is not at work yet, but it is hardly time yet for the places to develope, that he has in prospect. Ed & family are keeping house in furnished rooms up town."

When we finally hear directly from Ed, he is back in Wichita. On 6 May 1894 he wrote to his sister JULIA: 9

"You may be surprised when you see where this letter is dated. After visiting in California for about six weeks, and looking the situation over pretty thoroughly, I formed a partnership with R D French, to carry on a Merchandise Brokerage business, at Wichita (in my charge) with a purchasing branch at Los Angeles, in charge of French.

We left Los Angeles last Tuesday 2 P.M. May 1st and came home by way Union Pacific Ry Sacromento, Ogden, Cheyenne, Denver etc, arriving Sat night 10.30 after a very pleasant and comfortable journey. We are all glad to get home again. Elsie will 15
start to School tomorrow and her teacher thinks she can catch up with her class again so she can pass at the end of the term. Sometime last February you wrote me that you had $50.00 that you could let me have the use of, if I needed it. at the time I didn't need it and wrote you to that effect, and if I should, I would avail myself of the opertunity.

The opertunity has "arrove", If you have it to spare now, I would like to borrow $50.00 of you for two or three months, or perhaps longer, would pay you interest 10% per annum, and regard it as a big favor. send it by draft payable to my order, and in any event please let me hear from you by return mail, with love to you all"

John views Ed's return in a different light in his letter to their 6
mother on 7 May 1894: 2

"On Tuesday May 1st Ed and family started back to Wichita: Allie was disappointed in California, or was discouraged at Ed's not getting something to do immediately; for she did not enjoy going about to see anything, and was glad to get started toward Kansas. On account of her discontent Ed did not seem to make as much effort to secure employment here, as he did to get rigged up to go back again. It appears as though the new business might succeed there."

Forty two years later, in the late Spring of 1936 if my memory is reliable, I met Edgar and his family. How I knew where to contact 21
him has been forgotten but I do remember calling at the offices of a railroad station in Wichita and, after announcing the purpose of my visit, waited until greeted by a short, friendly old gentleman whose resemblance to my grandmother, his sister, JULIA, 9
was recognizable immediately. After the introductory exchange of questions and answers, Edgar asked me to wait for him to finish some urgent work, which I did. When he rejoined me, we entered my car where he served as a guide for a very interesting tour of the City. His pride in the growth and modernization of Wichita was

obvious. At the completion of the tour, we drove to his home, a small, unpretentious place, but very neat and attractive. Upon entering, I recall meeting Allie, then sitting in a big chair near a window, where she remained during my visit, apparently quite infirm. I cannot recall any conversation with her but remember that she smiled continuously and seemed exceedingly pleased to see me. I believe that Elsie was also there but I am not sure. 15

1	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	father
2	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	mother
3	DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER	19;5-1(4)	paternal grandmother
4	AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	5 & 9;4-1(3)	paternal aunt
5	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	sister
6	John Edwin Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2)	brother
7	ROBERT JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;4-4(9)	aunt AMANDA's husband
8	Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5)	brother
9	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	sister
10	Wallace Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(7)	brother
11	JULIA COTTRELL	20;5-1(4)	maternal grandmother
12	John C. Rue	H10;5-2( ),4(3),3(1)	cousin
13	Julia Ella Dowd	10;5-2( ),4(2),3(4)	cousin
14	Mattie Haynes (1)	W5;4-2(4),3(2)	brother John's first wife
15	Elsie Barron Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(4),2(1)	daughter
16	Madeline Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(3)	sister Maggie's daughter
17	Mary Julia Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2),2(1)	brother John's daughter
18	Elsie West (1)	W5;4-2(4),3(5)	brother Cleland's first wife
19	Sarah Frances Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(5)	maternal aunt
20	James Richmond (2)	H10;5-2( ),4(5)	aunt Fanny's second husband
21	WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD	1;1-1(1)	sister JULIA's grandson

Love to all,
Your aff
E. B. Messerve

5;4-2(4),3(5) Cleland Messerve b.25 Sep 1861 Bergen, NJ age 26 d.30 Apr 1940 Laurel Grove Cem. age 78 Paterson, NJ	Elsie West b.10 Mar 1864 Bussy, IA m.21 Sep 1887 Bussy, IA age 23 d. age

Cleland Messerve 5;4-2(4),3(5) Elsie West

Cleland was born to JOHN JACOB MESSERVE and JULIA CLELAND in Bergen, NJ, on 25 September 1861 but the first reference we have found to him is the entry in his father's diary on the date of 12 January 1867: 1,2

"Bo't Cleland a pair boots"

Cle's brother, Edgar, gave us our next bit of news in his letter to their mother dated 15 December 1870: 3

"Cle and I have been on the mountain to get evergreens to day and we saw a rabbit's nest. Just as we got by it, the rabbit run away."

In "Tracy's School Record" for the School-year 1871 - 1872, are listed the attendence and class divisions for all of the children of JOHN and JULIA except the eldest, Maggie; that is. John Edwin, Edgar Barron, Cleland, JULIA PUTNAM and Wallace Messerve'. Cleland was also listed in the "New Jersey School Register for 1872 to 1873 for School District No. 12" and in the School Census of District No. 12, Manchester Township for 1873. 4,5 3,6, 7

Our next news of Cle comes from his younger sister, JULIA, who wrote on 2 May 1873 to their mother who was away visiting relatives in New York City: 6 2

"I suppose you know Uncle William gave me 5 cents and I lent it to Cle towards getting his setting of ducks Eggs" 13

As did his younger brother, Wallace, Cleland also wrote an imaginative little story entitled "My Trip to the Moon." It was probably a school assignment. Although it was not dated, sometime during March 1875 seems reasonable: 7

"My Trip to the Moon

One day as I was walking along whistling as hard as I could I was frightened very much by feeling the earth move under my feet "Good heavens"! I cried "what is now going to happen to me am I going to be shaken to bits!" I could not wonder very long for I was soon whirling around in the air, till all my brains were shaken together. The first thing that settled them was an awful bump on the head by something hard and on turning around I saw I was in a new place,- where,I could not tell. While I was rubbing my poor head I thought I would look at my new world. I had not gone far before I saw a queer looking man. He had a kind of crown on his head which made me think he was a king of some tribe and on looking a little sharper I saw many more men (I hardly dare to call them men) on their knees before their king. I must describe how the men looked; in the first place they were dove colour, or like a summer cloud, and when they walked, looked very queer I assure you. I think they must have thought the same of me for as soon as they saw me they picked up their king and with fierce yells rushed away with him but soon returned with fiercer yells. They then came straight toward me with arms of diferent kinds to thrash me with. I started on a run but they

soon caught me and bound me, then threw me about two hundred feet and I felt myself going down down for a long way, then I thought I turn around and see where I came from. When to my astonishment I saw I was going away from the moon. When I looked back I saw the earth and it was dark. The first thing I felt was the branches of a tree which broke the cords that I was tied with. So I could land on my feet without hurting myself, but I would not like to do it again. Now you know what the moon is like."

A reduced copy of Cle's story follows on the next page.

Just a few months later, on 1 September 1875, the terrible accident occurred which resulted in the death of Wallace from the gun held in play by Cle. The complete account of the incident is reported in the history of Wallace. 7

Two letters were written to JULIA CLELAND in April 1880; one from Cleland dated 3 April from Cora, MO, and the other from his brother, John, dated 7 April from Milan, MO. The major news from these letters is the story of John's first return home to Squaw Brook for a visit since his departure to the West about three years earlier, and that his younger brother, Cleland, accompanied John on the trip back to northern Missouri. It is interesting to read the accounts of the journey west from the separate pens of John and Cle so we shall alternate between their two letters as each event is related: 2 5 5

John;

"I am going to steal a few minutes today and write something to you, though I am very busy, and have to make good use of every moment, on my books, still I know that you are anxious to hear how we got out here, and what Cle is doing etc Cle told me that he wrote to you, and told you something of our visits and arrival; but I will sketch it over. There was very little to break the monotony of the travel until we got to Chicago: the time was spent pleasantly, and we were not very tired when we got there; We talked and slept, and viewed the country o'er. Many things were strange to Cle so I explained them as well as I could. I dropped you a card from Chicago, and left there at 10.30 Sat. morn 27th ult. on the Chicago & Rock Island Ry — arrived in Peoria at 6 P.M. - had a good wash and supper at the Hotel —

Cle:

I arrived in Mo. safely after a very interesting trip and also a very pleasant one. We got to Peoria Sat. eve. about six o' clock and found that all the passenger trains had gone, but there was a "freight" going a(t) 7.30 o'clock so we went to the depot to wait for that, but we waited, and waited, until 10.00 o'clock when the train started and arrived in Canton (IL) at 1.30 A.M. Sunday morning, it was to late then of course to go to anybodys house so we were obliged to put up at a Hotel till after breakfast, then we went through the city which appeared to be quite a large city, much larger than I thought.

My Trip to the Moon

MESSERVE 5
4-2(4), 3(5)

One day as I was walking along whistling as hard as I could I was frightened very much by feeling the earth move under my feet "Good heavens"! I cried "what is now going to happen to me am I going to be shaken to bits!" I could not wonder very long for I was soon whirling around in the air, till all my brains were shaken together. The first thing that struck them was an awful bump on the head by something hard and on turning around I saw I was in a new place - where, I could not tell. While I was rubbing my poor head I thought I would look at my new world. I had not gone far before I saw a queer looking man. He had a kind of crown on his head which made me think he was a king of some tribe and on looking a little sharper I saw many more men (I hardly dare to call them men) on their knees before their king. I must describe how the men looked; in the first place they were dove colour, or like a summer cloud, and when they walked, and looked very queer I assure you. I think they must have thought the same of me for as soon as they saw me they picked up their king and with fierce yells rushed away with him but soon returned with fiercer yells. They then came straight toward me with arms of different kinds to thrash me with. I started on a run but they soon caught me and bound me, then threw me about two hundred feet and I felt myself going down down for a long way then I thought I turn around and see where I came from. When to my astonishment I saw I was going away from the moon. When I looked back I saw the earth and it was dark. The first thing I felt was the branches of a tree which broke the cords that I was tied with. So I could land on my feet without hurting myself but I would not like to do it again. Now you know what the moon is like.

Raymond
Messerve

John:

took the 7.30 P.M. freight train for Canton on the Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw Ry., but did not leave Peoria until 10.P.M. on a/c of the rain damaging the track and letting two trains run off, —— and we had to wait until they were lifted on, and got out of our way. We reached Canton about 1 A.M. Sunday, "put up" at the Depot Hotel; in the morning had a good wash, shave and breakfast, then went to Mr. Stearns', and they were glad to see us, but had expected us on Sat. afternoon; as there was no service at the New Ch. that morning Mr S., Miss Eva, Cle, and I attended the Baptist Ch. At dinner, a couple of Miss Eva's friends (ladies) had been invited in, and after partaking pretty freely of the good dinner, we all took a walk, visited Mr. Stout's folks, and a family of young ladies by name Bartels, who are quite intimate with Eva In the evening as there was no service and the Temperance Lecture hall was so crowded by the time we got there, we walked about for a while, and spent the rest of the evening at Mr. Bartels.

They had prepared a room for Cle and me at Mr. Stearns', and we slept well that night you may be sure. As early Monday morning as we could get off, we walked out to Mr. Moran's, found them all well at present, though Cousin Augusta had been real sick the week before. We looked the house over, had a good dinner, and then looked about the barns, stock, etc., until about 4 o'clock, when they hitched up a team and drove us to Canton;

Cle:

Well we stayed at 'Squire Stearns Sunday & Monday, and left for Burlington (IA) Tuesday morn. Monday we went up to Civer to see the Morans and stayed there from 10.30 A.M. to 3.30 P.M. we then went down to Canton again where we stayed till Tues. morn.

John:

We would not have needed to return to Canton if we had had our trunks at Civer, but they we(re) not, and the Canton folks expected us to be in town in time for, an entertainment "Court of Babylon" at the "Hall". We took supper at Mr Stout's, had a pleasant time, made the acquaintance of several of the Canton people. The next morning Miss Eva and Cle and I made a few calls ---- and then went to the depot, accompanied by Miss Eva and two of the Misses Bartels, the train being an hour late we made good use of the time by having some music at the Hotel there. At 11.15 A.M. we started for Burlington, Ia. As we passed Civer we "waved" and Cousin A. waved in answer from the side porch. Arrived in Burl. a little after 2 P.M. had to wait until 6.20 for train going west to Mt. P. (Mount Pleasant, IA)

Cle:

When we got to Bur. we had to wait from 2.00 P.M. till 6.20 P.M. when we started for Mt. Pleasant arriving there at 7.30 P.M., it was of course out of the question to start at 5.25 the next morning, (though that was the day we expected to go to Milan) so we had to wait till Thurs. morn. instead, though it wasn't a very unpleasant wait for we had an excellent time,

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John:

met on the train at New London, 6 miles east of Mt. P. cousin Davis T. — arrived in Mt. P. about 8 o'clock Tuesday eve. We did intend to start for Milan the next morning but concluded to wait until Thursday morn. 8

Though our visit was very short, it was pleasant, they are all well; Cle felt quite at home, and we were all sorry that we could not stay longer.

We left the house at 5 A.M. for the 5.25 train arriving in Burlington in good season for the train on the R.R. (Burlington and South Western)

Cle:

well Thurs. morn. 5.25 we started for Milan arriving there at 4.00 o'clock P.M after a very tedius journey the most tedius and tiresome one of the whole trip though it was only eleven hours but at any rate we got there"

Milan is less than 150 miles southwest of Burlington so we can understand that the eleven hour trip was, indeed, tedious:

"where I stayed till Fri. afternoon when I left for Cora, arriving in a very jubilant mood, and it didn't take me long to go from the depot to Ketchams store to see Ed. (who by-the-way had a letter from Papa saying that (I) was going "West" with Johnnie) and when we did meet I tell you it was a happy time for both and was well worth my trip. ---- 3 1 5

John:

When we arrived at Milan depot, we found Misses Hattie Ketcham, Clara Crumpacker, and Mrs J. Roth and Messrs. A. Hatfield and Joe Stout, who had come down to meet us, and welcome us/me home. ---- After making a little stop at Mr. Ketcham's house, and leaving the ladies there, we made a call on Mrs. W.H. Trites, and made our way to the Store. Mr. Trites was glad to have me back, though he had had a man to do my work, and had the books written up pretty well: but there was a lot of extra work that had been left for me to attend to. I commenced work on Friday morning, and I felt almost as if I had not been away at all. ---- Cle went down to Cora on Friday afternoon to see Ed. and I expect they had a big talk. On Sunday morning I took a hand-car and with the aid of another young man went to Cora for Ed. and Cle. got back to Milan, about 12 M. had dinner at the "Crumpacker House,"---- 3 3

Our eatables lasted until we got to Canton, Ill. and everything tasted real good. Mrs Leonhard and Henry L. each, gave us a lot of oranges, they were very nice; too many for just two of us, but we left a few at Canton and Mt Pleasant, and brought some to Ed." 3

Cle:

We soon left the store however and walked down the R.R. track and talked and talked until Supper time then we went to supper after which we went on talking till long after dark, and we're not through talking yet ----"

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John wrote again from Milan, MO, to his mother on 4 July 1880 and included considerable news of Cle's activities: 5,2

"Cle is up here spending the day with me: came up on the night train last night, and expects to return tonight - by the way - did Cle tell you that he had left Milan and gone to Cora? He has. Says that he has not written home yet, and did not speak of it of course. For some reason, the firm that he was with here, wanted an experienced Book keeper instead, as they could not take the time to teach him. He has been with Ed, for a few weeks, 3
in the Store, but Ed has gone now, over to a town called Greencastle, about 16 miles east of Milan, on the new "East and West R.R." named "Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific R.R. . Ed stopped 3
here on his way last week; said he was going there to open a new Store for his firm: left Cle to look after the Store at Cora.

Cle is getting along well in his new position, and I think it will be even better for him than as a Book keeper. I received Papa's letter yesterday, and sent it to Cle by mail. ---- 1
Cle is dozing on my bed ---- Cle and I went to S.S. this morning - Cle did not stay to Church on account of a headache.

We do not hear again of or from Cle until 16 December 1880 when John, writing from Milan to their mother, gives us a bit of news: 5,2

"Cle is getting along alright now: he had an attack of Inflamatory Rheumatism; he can walk about some now: on Tuesday came down to the office with me when I came from dinner - walked -; and rode back."

Although we are indebted to John for much of our news of Cle, he 5
did not give us advanced knowledge of or reasons for Cle's move 1
to Mt. Pleasant, IA, from where Cle wrote to their father on 20 February 1881:

"I am sorry to have neglected to answer your letter before, though as the saying is "better late than never." My time is at present pretty well taken up with my studies as I have nine studies per day, besides going to grammar school two evenings every week, and attending a Literary Society, (called Philotoxian Literary Society,) every Wednesday evening, for the purpose of mutual benefit. The first evening after I joined I didn't have to perform, but the second evening I had to make an extemporaneous speach, that is get up on the floor and wait till someone gives me a subject to talk about, then say what I can about it, well this was not only the first attempt I had ever made to make an extemporaneous speech, but it was the first attempt I had ever made to make a speach of any kind and the first time I had ever been in company with a set of people that practiced such performances, therefore I had never heard any one make such a spech before. The Society is composed of about fourty members though any body can attend that chooses; so I asked Gussie Trites 16
to go with me that eve. and criticise my performing which she did the subject was "Woman's Suffrage" a subject which I had heard a woman lecture on a few evenings before. I spoke my feelings on the subject, and though I took the opposite side of the

question from that which Gussie would have taken had she been in my place, never-the-less she said I did very well considering that it was my first attempt, next Wednesday evening I must take part in a debate, the Subject of which is; "Resolved; That United States assists Ireland in gaining her independence" I am on the affermative side. ----Johnnie came up here a week ago last Thursday intending to go back again the next Saturday, but Friday night it commenced snowing and Sat. it was so deep that the trains could not run, and moreover they could not run until Tuesday, and even then were so troubled with the snow that he was very much delayed and didnt get to Milan as early as he should by 12 hours. I never saw so much snow before as there is here now. My health is firstrate even better than it was before I left home or has been since. ----" 16 5

Cle's next letter from Mt. Pleasant on 6 April 1881, this time to his mother, gives us some rather disturbing news: 2

"I received your letter of Mar. 21 and will now try to send a few lines in reply, enclosed in a letter of Lola's. I suppose you have received my letter with the picture, have you not? In my last letter I did not tell you all the particulars about the way in which all the folks took the announcement of our engagement. Well in the first place we told John and Gus. the first evening after John came here, they were sitting in the rocking chair to gether, and the first thing John said was, "I dont beleive it," and that was all he said about it until we went to bed, then he asked me all about it if it was true etc., I told him all there was to tell, and then we talked a long while about the less interesting part, of which I told you in my other letter. Gus. made several remarks equivelent to John's, until she saw we were in earnest, then she said, "Well I suppose it is too late to do any thing but wish you joy," what she meant exactly I dont know, though we have talked about it since, and she has never said any thing like that. The next day we told Anna, she immediately said she was glad and came and kissed us, ("she has been there"), and when G.D. came in she told him that I was another candidate for son-in-law, his answer was; "They must wait a little while." By that time Lola and I had got about tired of telling folks and having them take it in the same cool way, all of them, so we didn't take the trouble to tell cousin Julia, we let her find it out by having some of the others tell her which I suppose they did soon, at any rate, she never spoke to me about it, and doesn't yet I only hear her thoughts through Lola to whom she talks about it once in a while. My other letter spoke about my having left school and also of my having procured a school wherein to teach, in the adjoining county, but it did not tell about any particulars. My school commences Apr. 18th and continues two months, then commences the latter part of August and continues two months longer, when the summer term (for which I am engaged) closes I am to be paid $20. per month, board at $2. per Wk. I have not yet got my certificate, though I am expecting every day a letter from the Supt. telling me about it. I get a colored woman here in town to do my washing and Lola does my mending (that is sews buttons etc.) other than that I get done at the tailors. Yes! Mamma, a great deal has transpired within the last year, more 5,16 16,5 17

than I would want to pass through again, and a great deal likely to happen in the next yr. all of which can not be expected to be pleasant. You must gather up the books home that would be useful to me, (Latin books etc.) and some time I will send for them, in the mean time I will think up what I want and make a list of them, and send it to you, (some day, - God willing - I intend to be a scholar). I will write to you as often as I can though you must not expect me to write as often as John does because my occupation will not be as concise or compact as his is for I will have so many different things to do and in so many different places I will close now with lots & lots of love" 5

Edgar wrote from Mendota, MO, on 29 June 1881, to their mother announcing his own wedding plans, but, in his reference to Cle, made no mention of Cle's engagement: 3,2

"I am going to write to Cle tonight, and tell him of my coming marriage,"

There is a gap in our news of Cle of over a year until we find a brief references to him in John's letter of 31 August 1882 from Milan, MO, to their mother. It is apparent that Cle is "on the move" but we have no word as to why: 5 2

"Just received a card from Cle from Pomo. he says he will soon leave there but will send me his new address when he stops someplace."

and we do not learn until informed by John in his letter from Milan on 5 October 1882 to their mother: 5 2

"I rec'd a letter from Cle - he is in a store in Scotland, Bon Homme Co., Dak. Ty. waiting for his school to commence - Nov 1st"

On 1 November 1882, John, writing from Milan to his mother, reported that: 5,2

"I had a letter from Cle Monday. He is as happy as a king: haveing a good time; good society, and seems to like his work in the store: his getting a school is not certain."

but indicated a lack of news in his letter from Milan on 15 February 1883:

"I have not heard from Cle since I wrote to him to try and send you some money; wrote a card to him this morning asking what he had done: hope he will answer soon so that we will know what to do."

It is not until 4 March 1883, that we get news direct from Cleland, writing from Scotland, Dakota Territory, to his father. Scotland is in the south eastern part of what is now South Dakota about 30 miles northeast of Yankton: 1

"Your long and welcome letter I see still unanswered. I suppose you have heard from Maggie that I am teaching school again. I have not much news to write that will interest you. My first 4

term of school is over and I am engaged to teach the next one, which commences Monday, (tomorrow).

The school grow larger continually, and I have been introducing new studies.

Before I "took hold" of the school they did not study penmanship, U.S. History, or Spelling - except from the reading books - and very few studied Grammar.

Now every child in the school ~~studies~~ writes 30 minutes every day, two thirds of them study Grammar and I have a small class in U.S. History, besides giving oral lessons in Physiology. They seem to take a great deal of interest in every thing I propose for them to study and all are apparently well pleased with me.

As the last term was nearing its close several of the pupils were assembled together, one day at noon, discussing some subject about which each seemed concerned.

At last one of the older ones approached me and said, "Mr Messerve' when is the last day of school?" (meaning the last day of the term) I told the girl when it was. "Are you going to teach the next term?" she asked. I told her that very likely I should. The other children seemed anxiously waiting for my reply when they burst into a shout of applause, clapped their hands and rushed for the school yard.

One boy remarked, after I had whipped him for some violation of the rules, "Thats the kind of a teacher to have, he'll keep order, not let a fellow do as he pleases, as the other teachers used to do." So you see I have the love of the children and the good will of the parents as well as the approval of the Directors.----

Cle follows with a very interesting letter from Scotland, D.T. to his mother on 16 April 1883 but, two years since we learned of 2
his engagement to Lola; not a single reference to her:

"How I wish I could send you some money in this letter; it has been very little that you have received from your youngest adventurer, and it seems to me that he has received very little too, that will permanently benefit him. Three years have gone by, since I left the old house where my mother watched over me 2
for so long, where my mother dwelt, to ever share, and understand my "weal or woe"; and yet I have accomplished nothing. I am nearly twenty two, and it seems to me that I have accomplished nothing that will make the world, or the people individually, better, or wiser, or happier, for my having lived in it. Even tho' I have taught many young minds much that may ever be remembered always, still my place could easily have been filled by others. I havent saved a dollar, nor assisted in keeping the pangs of poverty from my mothers door. and am in debt to John 5
as badly as ever.

The prospects now are bright, but have they not been bright, yes brighter many times before? I have worked as hard as was in my power ever since I have been in Dakota, and, if possible, harder the last four months than before, and with what result? Everybody tells me I'm getting thin and I must be for my clothes hang

loosely upon me, but is that anything of which to be proud?

I am surrounded by friends, but they may not last through adversity.

I must be in an ill humor to-night perhaps because I have worked harder than usual to day, and am tired. My night school has ended, because spring has opened.

I have a chance to "contest" or "jump" a Timber Claim about eighteen miles from here. By contest I mean that the man who filed on it has not complied with the law and if I can prove that such is the case I or any one else can file on it over again. If I have success with it I can soon sell it for from $500. to $1000. which will help me with my medical course. I have been studying like a dog and as soon as my school ends I am going to study under a physician who will sign a certificate that will shorten my requisite course of study one year. Next October, if nothing happens to prevent, I expect to commence my lectures. Measles & Suicides are the prevailing excitements here at present. Several cases of measles have broken out in my school in the last two or three days

No more this time Love to all

Finally, in May, the suspence is over —— Lola informs us in her letter of 28 May 1883 and then Cle, writing from Scotland on 30 May 1883, both to his mother, that they have broken their engagement: 2

"My Dear Aunt Julia,

I received your ever welcome letter in January also one in May but owing to a promise made to Cle for his sake I would not write. He Knew I could not without telling you of the circumstances that have now changed all our future plans, and to use his words "even my mothers sympathy is more than I can bear now wait till it is not so fresh a wound". You may Know thro' him or you may have guessed all the truth which is that our engagement has been broken off some time since. To put aside my own feelings and write a calm collected impersonal review is now my duty and I will try to master myself enough to do it. As to Cle he is as dear to me as ever so am I to him. For his sake no word of complaint shall cross my lips and he feels the same toward me. All the circumstances we can never make Known to the world or even our most intimate connections they should and will rest between Cle and I forever. We understand each other perfectly always did and always will, he is more like a husband than a lover still and always was and always will be. He loves me as you well Know with all his life and soul and as you Know too, he satisfied my heart. They (then) why you wonder is this sad seperation — simply because ere I Know it another man filled and crowded his place in my heart — but let me explain. When in I. C. last winter on Dec. 10th I made the acquaintence of a lawyer named Walter W. Byington, we were at the time boarding in the same house we saw much of one another and tho' we never realized it, it was love at first sight on both sides. Ere a week had passed I Knew that Cle could never satisfy my heart again and at the end of the seventh day of our casual acquaintence I was shocked by his sudden

proposal of marriage, I told him all which was simply this, I was engaged to another but that unKnown to me I had learned to prize his friendship and crave his love and that if as he said it was already mine I could never feel satisfied with the man I then was expecting to so soon make my husband. He then told me that he could never urge any one to do so wicked and cruel a thing as to break an agreement to marry, but to do as I thought best only one thing not to marry a man for pity loving another better. I then wrote to Cle told him offered to marry him still but this he refused to do and he answered by giving me my freedom. Of course I then was engaged to this other man, but finally I tho't it was wicked and wrote to them both that I would never marry at all that I felt that it was all I could to repair the sorrow and wrong I had made them both to this neither would consent and Cle then wrote to Walter since I remained firm and urged him to do all in his power to make me change my mind and not punish myself for a mistake I could in no way help and was not to blame for by a life of loneliness and sorrow. If I could only leave my story here and say I was noble enough to remain unmoved by such noble generousity and love I would be truly thanKful but you must Know all and all means this; in three weeks I shall be Walter Byingtons wife. Now forgive me that I speak plainly, but look in to that grave within your own womans heart and let the pictured memory of youths "might have been" answer this to me; ought I to marry a man I do not wholly entirely love, just because he loves me! You know as I the daily struggle to speak Kindly tenderly with love and respect where your own heart throbs quicK with selfs deeply hidden pain - but I will say too much, too much for ever you his mother to Know - as I said before Cle and I understood each other perfectly, he was just like a husband to me hardly a thought but what we shared, not one feeling but the other understood it at once, no one ever loved him better unless it might be you, than I do. I would do any thing, even give my life for his, precious as life is to me now in the joyous prospect opening before me in youth's rose tinted promise land where so soon I shall walk with him my heart holds dearest. A word to you about my sudden marriage, dont tell Cle now, I will write in a few days or at least a week or so and tell him myself but it will then be hard enough to bear no need of his Knowing sooner than possible. It is a surprise to me as it will be to him and you all, but Walter needs a wife and altogether it seems best to marry now and if I love him enough to have given Cle up for his sake under the circumstances it seems all I can do is to marry when he wants me. If you wish to asK any questions I think you better write them to me as Cle feels too deeply still to wish to speak on the subject much. We write to each other all the time and have since our first parting. As to my love for Mr Byington —— Oh! Aunty no words are strong enough to express the wealth of tender love I have given him. Ma says he is one of the best men if not the very best she ever Knew. He is 28 yrs old has never touched liquor or tobacco in his life is a true christian gentleman and loves me with a love as true and grand as any man gave to woman, we will probably live in Neb. but I shall stay here for a short time after my marriage I suppose. But enough of Cle's rival he can not interest you. I

wish to tell you more of Cle he has told me that you with a mothers quick conception saw and understood his faults if so you Know as well as I that with boyish eager inquisitive "see how it is your self" ways he at times fell into disappation and since last winter after we parted he has been far more steady and has turned th(r)ough grief as he could not in joy to the Friend of sinners that Friend that sticKeth closer than a brother. Now for any sake dont let him Know I said this for he tells me what he wont tell even you and if I did not think you ought to Know it I would not tell even you. Oh! dont think I have been hard hearted and cruel to him I tryed to love him best, tryed to be the true loving wife expected of me, but I failed and that through no fault or indifference of mine I Know he is no more sorry than I am. What I have done has been in the fear of the Lord just what seemed my duty. I can only pray as I Know you will and as Walter ever has that God will comfort him as earthly friends cant and that He will sanctify this sorrow to his good at last.

lovingly Lola."

Our own "Soap Opera" reaches its conclusion with Cle's letter to his mother, written from Scotland, Dakota Territory, on 30 May 1883: 2

"My Dear Mamma

In your letter dated Apr. 26 you say, I honored you so completely in the past with my confidence, that you are led to expect it now. Very good, my dear little Mamma, you shall have it. Perhaps I owe you an apology for not writing, what I am now going to write, before, but I could not. Now Mamma, this is between you and me, understand? I am going to co(n)fide in you. A few years ago, — it seems at least ten —— when I was in Missouri I commenced a correspondence with a brilliant young lady in Iowa — God bless her! From a cold cousinly correspondence, it grew to be a warm friendly one, and when fate took me to that pretty little town, the object of my letters, I found, was very attractive. Not only in person, was she attractive, but in manners, and I thought I had a very sweet little cousin, who would make my sourroundings very pleasant, as indeed she did. But to go back a little: While I was still in Missouri she told me of a young man with whom she was corresponding, a young man studying law in the Iowa City State University. He was very handsome, the son of wealthy parents — farmers — who did not approve of his educating himself for anything but a farmer. But this fellow worked along until he earnenough to take himself through a course of study etc. etc.

This same individual was very fond of a stimulant sometimes, but good influence could easily change his taste for something better.

That is all I learned of Mr Deloss Hinkley before I came to that pretty little city in the southeastern part of the State of Iowa. When I got there I learned that the young lady above referred to had received a letter from him that she did not know how to answer. I thought it strange but did not know the cause. After reasoning with myself for a long time, trying to convince myself, that I had a cousinly regard for this attract-

ive young lady, in whose presence I was always so ill at ease, I came to the conclusion that she should end the suspence, with which I was filled every day, by a short answer to the question I should ask her. The question was put, and immediately she answered in the affirmative and sealed it with a kiss,

Before very long she told me that she should now answer this Hinkley's letter, which was a sort of a half way proposal not enough to bind him to her. Then she told me that she loved this fellow and if he had asked her as I had done would have accepted him. She also loved me and sometimes could not tell which she loved best, but wanted both.

I thought it very strange, but was so infernal blind that I thought it all right, what she said was law and if she had loved forty men it would have been all right, as long as I could basque in the sunshine of her smile. Mr. H. then declared his love, and soon took to drinking, until last fall her affection for him gradually passed away and I began to think I had her all to myself. Last winter I received a letter in the writing of this same darling young lady, post marked Iowa City. She had gone there for a few months, and wrote to me from there. Can you imagine my surprise, can you imagine my feelings? No you cant imagine either one. You might possibly imagine my surprise but my feelings can neither be imagined nor described. With all the endearing words she could find she asked my advice. Now Mamma not a word, dont you blame her, I wont have it, if I thought you would blame her I should stop right here. But no, if she is at fault you will over look it the same as I have done. After she had been in Iowa City about a week she met a young law-student named Walter Byington, who in two weeks declared his love for her. She told him with straining eyes that she was bound to me, and the man —— I believe every inch a gentleman — left her. Then she opened her heart to me, asking me which was right, to marry me while she loved him or to break the engagement that I had held so sacred, that we both made so solemnly, and to marry him.

What could I do? Just what any other man would have done in my place, tell her, that though she would not have surprised me any more if she had been my lawfully wedded wife, still as her life's happiness depended on her decision I would let her decide. Then she again wanted both. I told her that she had better take him if she could not be content with me - and she said she could could not but, but I would not say the words that should forever separate us.

Then came my dismissal! I wrote a little note to Walter B. telling of the good qualities of the object of our united affection and wishing him success. I told him that I thought her worthy of his love, tho he might be ever-so-grand and good. He then pressed his suit and extracted a promise to marry him, from her. (I believe they are to be married next fall.) She wanted to tell you a long time ago but I asked her to wait. I could not believe that it was all true, I hoped that some time or some how I should wake up and find it a cruel dream or a mistake, and that she would yet be my own again as I had once thought. But gradually the truth dawned upon me, and I was forced to see that she was gone, yes, gone, forever gone. She

has just asked me again to let her tell you, and I have consented.

But I am afraid she will blame her self too much, and thereby give you a wrong impression. Let us be lenient, let us not judge her too harshly, for though it seems a strange affair, it may be possible that she sincerely feels as she does. I cannot understand how she can love two persons at one time but she says she does, and that settles it. "Judge not lest ye be judged." This is all, do not pity me, for I cant stand that, but let us hold her memory sacred and forever think of her as a dear cousin. Do not think I have lost flesh repining, for that is not the case but I could not be alone without these thoughts in my mind, therefore to keep all such tho'ts out of my head I have buried myself in my studies, have studied whenever I had a spare moment in the day and at night until I would get so tired I could not see one letter from another and was obliged to go to bed. let this be consumed by the flames as soon as you read it, that it may never become the subject of idle gossip. You need not think that I shall be seriously affected by it for as J.G. Holland said, "A young man need not think he is broken hearted by any difficulties in love affairs before he is twenty five years of age". I am young and I think I will survive though I will never hear her spoken ill of by any one. Much love Your son Cle"

Perhaps one of you will write the sequel to this story entitled, "Will Lola find True Happiness with Walter Byington?"

Cle is still in Scotland when we next hear from him on 25 November 1883, in his letter to his mother: 2

"You must think I am paying you in your own coin — not replying for so long after receiving your letter.

But my time has been so divided up in the minutia of my business that my opportunities for writing have slipped by.

As to the permancy of my employment I can say but little in this letter but will try and explain more the next time. The part that I now take is that of "Jack-of-all-work". I load cars, then when they buyer isn't on hand I take his place and buy and weigh the grain. then if he wants me to I write or figure up the business for him. In fact if Mr. Dickson has any thing to be done and no special person to do it, that work falls on me, no matter what the nature of the work is.

Didn't I ever tell you about the Jacobs' family? When I first came to Scotland I went to a second class hotel to board, and the proprietor's name was John Jacobs, a very nice German with four children. In a short time I took quite a fancy to him and especially to his wife. Mrs. Jacobs speaks English very brokenly though she has lived in this country for eighteen years. Mr. & Mrs. J. landed at New York a day or two after Lincoln was assassinated. After I had been here about a month Mr. J. was obliged to leave the house —- which he only rented — so moved to a small house as he supposed for a few weeks only at the longest, when he thought he would again rent a building for a hotel. I stayed with them although I was the only one — I

slept in the store at the time — and there we remained all winter and until about the first of April, when we moved into a new building (a hotel), built expressly for Mr J. where we still remain.

During the winter this family suffered. The place was very poorly built and would shake with the wind so that my coffee would spill over and the clock would stop. Then it was so cold that I could scarcely stand it while I was eating my meals. I dont see why they did not all take sick. They had no money Mr Dickson just about kept them all winter by letting them have goods from the store and trusting them for pay until better days. Mr. J. is subject to drink, but Mrs. Jacobs is one of my best friends, and as long as I remain in Scotland I shall feel at home in Mrs. J's. company. My home is pleasant, for I am not like a boarder but like one of the family in fact Mr. J. used to call me his boy — his children are all girls

Now I will try to answer some of the other questions you asked. Hard coal costs $12.50 per ton and soft coal $6.50, cord wood $6.25 per cord. I still attend church and S.S. tho' not quite as regularly as I did last winter. I have office in the S.S. now I resigned them all for various reasons. The S.S. contains about 90 in all, average attendance about 60. Our minister is liked by all, I like him better as a man than as a minister. Scotland is growing very fast. Three grain elevators were built this year, a new Catholic church is being built now, and a German Lutheran was built this preceding Summer beside numerous stores & dwellings."

John implies that Cle has left Scotland in his letter from Mendota, MO, to his mother, on 8 February 1884:

"We have not heard from Cle for a long time: I owe him a letter, but I think he might at least send me a card when he changes location; I will try & find time to write him soon but I would not ask him to come back to Mo.: he seemed so disgusted with Milan & this part of the country when he went away that I feel sure he w'd not come back, and if he came we c'd not give him employment in the store because he would not be "bossed" by us ---- and we would not want to "boss" him because he is a brother. ---- I wd rather get Cle a good job, or school, and that has been my plan ever since we tho't of migrating: When we get settled in a good town I will work the scheme up; I know it would be better for us to be near each other, I want him to get tired of his present location first."

There is evidence from the following references to Cle by John in his letters from Wichita, KS, to his mother of 3 July and 20 August 1884 respectively, that the brothers are corresponding concerning Cle's employment and relocation:

"Nothing yet for Cle here and there may not be a place until fall."

"if Cle comes he will board with us I expect"

When we next hear directly from Cle, on 21 August 1884, in his

letter to his father, he writes from Grand View, Dakota Territory: 1

"I have only a few moments to spare, but must acknowledge receipt of "Herrald" to day. I send in this mail several papers from different parts of the country. I want you to read every word of the "American Reformer" and let every body else read it. Blaine is perhaps a good man, so perhaps is Cleveland. I dont know either of them and dont want to, but the "parties" to which they belong are very corrupt. I say to which they belong, yes that is the word, they are owned body and soul by the leaders of their "parties". Oh how I hate the idea of doing this or that because a "party" does. St John may not be as good a statesman as either of the others — tho' his record as one is good — yet he is a better man and advocates a better cause. If I was only where I could vote, I would walk up to the polls with my head so high that my hair would touch my coat tails, and vote a straight prohibition ticket, feeling that tho' my vote was but a "drop in the bucket," it was like the "widow's mite" my all. Please excuse haste and the shortness of this note. My boss has gone to Chicago to buy goods."

Cle's vote would indeed have been a "drop in a Very Small bucket" John P. St. John and his running mate, William Daniel, the Prohibition candidates for the national election, received a popular vote of only 150,369 and, of course, no electoral votes. Grover Cleveland and his vice-president who won the election received 4,911,017 popular votes and 219 electoral votes.

Our next news from Cle comes from Sioux Falls, Dakota, now South Dakota, on 9 January 1885, in his letter to his mother. He uses 2
the Dakota Mutual Life Insurance Association stationery, a reduced copy of which follows, but he does not mention being employed by them. He is continuing his study of medicine:

A. C. PHILLIPS, President.
H. S. HILLS, Vice President.

W. E. ALEXANDER, Secretary

A. R. BRYAN, Treasurer.
A. H. TUFTS, Medical Director.

THE

Dakota Mutual Life Insurance

ASSOCIATION

Sioux Falls, Dakota, Jan 9th 1885

Dear Mamma

"---- I get up a(t) 4:45 every morning so I ought now be in bed but I do want to write a few lines to you first if no more.

You surprised me with the number of deaths that you mentioned and some of them were very far from my mind as being the first to depart this life. I am so glad that you wrote to Cousin Julia, she always seems so near to me, so much like one of the 17

family, and I know how much she prizes your letters. ----

I am very well supplied at present with clothing etc. etc. My board costs me so little that I can manage very easily to make enough to pay for it at present. I take my papers in the morning and now since school has opened I go there as soon as I get my breakfast (9:00) stay until 11:00 come back to the office study my lessons for the next day together with my medical studies. I also have taken the janitor work at one of the churches here. We have had some very severe weather Ther. 34° below zero Twice and not less than 25° below for more than two weeks at a stretch.----"

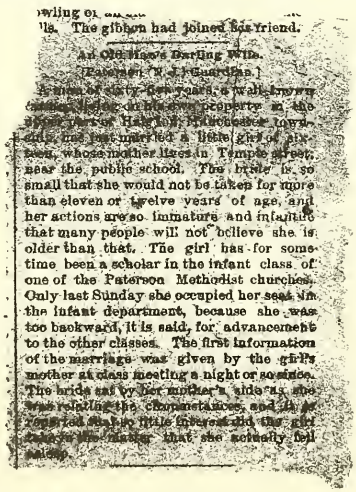
News for the rest of the year is meagre; one bit from his brother. John, in Wichita, on 3 December 1885 and the other from his sister, JULIA, from Atlanta, GA, both writing to their mother: 5 6

"I had a letter from Cle a few days ago - he is at Blue Earth City - and expects to teach school from Nov. 30 to Mar. - still wants to come to Wichita."

"---- and one from Cle. he is teaching school and quite contented for him"

It appears that shortly after the completion of the school term, Cle left Blue Earth City to join his brother, John, at the Wichita National Bank in Wichita, KS. John's letter of 8 April 1886 refers to Cle and inclosed the slip reproduced below. We have not found an answer to his question: 5

"Cle wanted me to send you the enclosed slip - taken from a Kan. City paper - to know who the old gentleman is that it mentioned."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An Old Man's Darling Wife.

[Paterson (N. J.) Guardian.]

A man of sixty-five years, a well-known [illegible] living on his own property in the upper part of Hale Ind. Manchester township, has just married a little girl of sixteen, whose mother lives in Temple street, near the public school. The bride is so small that she would not be taken for more than eleven or twelve years of age, and her actions are so immature and infantile that many people will not believe she is older than that. The girl has for some time been a scholar in the infant class of one of the Paterson Methodist churches. Only last Sunday she occupied her seat in the infant department, because she was too backward, it is said, for advancement to the other classes. The first information of the marriage was given by the girl's mother at class meeting a night or so since. The bride sat by her mother's side as she was relating the circumstances, and it is reported that so little interest did the girl take in the matter that she actually fell asleep.

In John's next letter to his mother dated 16 April 1886, he affirms that Cle has joined him in Wichita: 5

"Ed, - Cle & I are pegging away in the same old way at our 3,5

books - no change in that direction."

By the following month, John had left Wichita and wrote home from Emporia, KS, on 15 July 1886: 5

"I left the boys at Wichita ---- Cle said he would send you some money and I hope he has before now."

The only other news of Cle for the year comes from his brother, Edgar, who wrote from Wichita to their mother on 14 December 1886. It appears that Cle had been working with Ed at the J.M. Allen & Co. 3,2

OFFICE OF

J. M. ALLEN & CO.,

Wholesale and Retail Grocers.

COAL OIL, GASOLINE AND SALT, SPECIALTIES.

112 DOUGLAS AVENUE.

Wichita, Kan. Dec 14 1886

"Cle left here Nov 16th (a few days before your letter to him arrived) to take a look at the country in the western part of the State, and to look up, or see what the prospects were for taking a claim, intending to come back to Wichita and make arrangments to hold down a claim, or to get something to do here, but after he got out to Wichita Co, he saw that people were coming in there so fast, that he had better locate on a claim at once which he did, he is situated in South Eastern part of Wichita Co - about 35 miles north of Lakin, Finney Co - on the Santa Fe Ry -, he Struck in with a young fellow from Joplin, Mo - on the same errand that he was, (ie looking for a claim) and they struck up a partnership and concluded to go it together, he has Kept me nie posted as to his doings since he has been gone, as soon as he got located I sent him his trunk a big bundle of comforts and blankets, a lot of my old clothes, a pair of felt boots, mittens etc etc and a box of provisions, plenty to keep him warm and comfortable, will send him this week, his heating stove, matress & bedstead, and some other things he had in his room, they have bot a small cook stove, and when they get the things I send this week they will be as comfortable as they can be on a claim,----

We continue to receive bits of news of Cle from his two brothers in their letters to their mother but each is tantalizing in that they do not tell us where he is nor what he is doing. John, writing from Emporia, KS, on 11 February, 26 May and 5 July 1887, respectively, illustrate the point: 3,5 2 5

"I have not heard from Cle for more than a week: he did not say

what his wages are, and I have not asked him. He seems quite interested in the place and says it is booming."

"A letter from Cle yesterday reports him well, and going ahead in a business way."

"Cle is "short" in funds, otherwise he could help us out"

Edgar, writing from Wichita, KS, doesn't do any better in his letters of 5 July and 28 July 1887: 3

"I got a letter from Cle today he is well, and seems to be getting along first rate and is well satisfied."

"Havent heard from Cle since I wrote you last."

John's turn, writing from Emporia, on 18 August 1887, is in the same vein: 5

"Cle went to Wichita on Monday of this week and expected to stay a couple of days:"

Finally, short as is his letter of 3 September 1887 to his mother, we learn directly from Cle that he is in Leoti City in west central Kansas, and is working for Wichita County Bank. In addition he introduces us to Elsie: 2

GUE. C HARDESTY, President J H ALLEN, Vice Prest T W PELHAM, Cashier

WICHITA COUNTY BANK

Leoti City Kans 10/3 1887

Dear Mamma

"I am so busy I can not possibly write for a few days, I have tried several times and failed.

I will soon catch up with my work and then write.

I send you today Elsie's picture together with some of Leoti.

Elsies is very poor of her. She may write to you one of these days if she feels like it.

I will write as soon as I can"

John takes us back to newsless news-bits in his letter from Emporia dated 8 September 1887: 5

"Late letters from Ed, and Cle, report things in good condition with them." 3

Leoti City, KS

Wichita County Bank Leoti City, KS

We finally learn details of Cle's visit to Wichita in August and of his engagement to Elsie West from Edgar's letter written from Wichita, to his mother, on 12 September 1887:

"Cle spent several days with us about the middle of August, making some arrangments shopping etc for his approaching "double harness act" I suppose he has written you before this that on Sept 21st he will be married to Miss Elsie West of Bussey Iowa, they will be married at her parents, leave there same night, come to Wichita, stay over Sunday 25th leave here Monday for Leoty where they will make their home, I suppose this Seems very sudden to you, as it does to us here, we knew nothing of it until, he came down here about three weeks ago, I think it be the best thing he can do have a tendancy to make him settle down, he Seems to have been more satisfied to stay where he was since he has been at Leoti, than I ever knew him to be before, much more so than when he was here,"

John does not mention Cle's wedding plans in his reference to Cle in his letter from Emporia of 22 September 1887:

"I will go to Wichita on Sat. evening, to spend Sunday with the folks, and celebrate Cle's birthday, and return Sunday night, Ed wrote that Cle would be there on Sunday"

Our news of Cle's marriage and the reunion of the three brothers comes from Edgar's letter from Wichita dated 8 October 1887:

"----Since I wrote you last, Cle has "been" and got married, they came here on their way home, Staid from Thurs night 'til Monday morning, we all had a pleasant visit while they were here, John came down Sat night, that they were here, I heard from Cle after they got home, they got home safly, but had quite a tiresome trip, ----"

and from New York City, Meta Cleland Woods adds her comment in her letter to JULIA CLELAND on 14 October 1887:

"Here I am just about finishing this letter and I almost forgot to tell you how very much surprised we were to hear of Cle's marriage. We had not received any card and had no idea the chap had any such idea in his head."

We get to know Elsie from her letter written from Wichita on 14 March 1888 to Cle's mother:

"Dear Mamma

Your letter was such a delightful surprise. I did not think to hear from you for some time because of your many cares. I have grown to look as eagerly for letters from N.J. as from Iowa. Your letters are so nice they do me so much good and I always wish I were better, had fewer faults and was capable of doing more good. I know some of my many faults so I try to correct them.

Last Saturday was my 24th birthday and the very happiest one of my life

My health has been very poor for several weeks. Cle and I think

my cough is gaining on me. I am trying an old remedy that helped me so much before. I am feeling better now. I seem to be worse in the afternoons so I do all my work in the mornings and rest then. I left Leoti January 18th just one week after Cle did, was very weak but could not rest so as soon as I could take care of myself I started Yes I came alone to Halstead, the last station before Wichita. Cle met me there because we were not sure we would make connection and none of them would consent to my staying at a hotel alone. The distance is not great from Wichita to Leoti. I left Leoti in in the morning about eight arriving in Wichita about ten the same night

Cle shipped the furniture the morning he started so it was here before I was. he also rented the house before I came. We stayed with Ed and Allie two nights because it was extremely cold. then I needed rest after my trip

The house has three large rooms. Stands East and West so my east room is very pleasant. On the South a porch extends the whole length of my rooms back to the kitchen. both rooms have doors opening out on porch. We have rented the back room as we did not need it and the rent would make our rent less. The East room has double windows in front a window in the North. a door and window in the South. Under the double window we have our lounge. which is coverd with a pretty red woolen plush. in the S.E. corner have the wash stand with my birthday present on. Before leaving Leoti we let my sister have our chamber set so Cle made me a present of another set. There are ten pieces in the set. The color is white with red bands and rustic designs done in red. It is very pretty and I am quite proud of it. My dresser is on the South. the bed stands with its head to the West. Between the door and window is our stand. The shape of the stand is something new. Square with a roll on the back and with three shelves under neath. We have two rattan rockers, they are so easy How I wish you could visit us and occupy one of them. Our other chairs are oak with cane bottoms. On the East we put up a shelf to hold little Keepsakes etc Every one admires the lamberquin but as it is my own work will not dare to say it is pretty. Our carpet is bright and pretty That is all we have in our bed room except my books which for the present I keep in the dresser. Our home consists of bedroom and kitchen but we are just as easy as can be The bed, dresser and wash stand are cherry very highly polished with dark colored marble

In the kitchen there is a North window, South window and door also a door that opens into the room we rented. We keep it closed and I put my work table against it. have my cupboard on the S.W. On the N.W. corner close to the work table I have the gasoline stove. Every one in Kansas cooks on gasoline Our stove is a four burnered square stove, called "Perfection" On the North side close to the window the dining table stands. The heating stove is close to the middle partition. then we have our trunks. Between the door and window on the South I have a small shelf for glass etc. Off of this room we have a long closed, which I think is equal to another room. The chairs take trips. stopping in different places all over the room. My Sister is very poorly, presume she will be no better until after her confinement. It seems she did not calculate correctly as

March is now here.---- I do not know which of us Pa and Ma will visit first. We are going to let them do as they please. We both are anxious to see them though I saw them last.---- They write as if they were coming directly to Wichita. My health causes them great uneasiness so they are anxious to see for themselves how I am. ---- I also think that when Pa and Ma see how contented and happy I am. how kind and thoughtful Cle is they will be more reconciled to my marriage

Cle will not keep this position only until a better one offers. He does not like it. I am very anxious to have him get a good position, then keep it. It seems as if he were fond of change. I am not. When I get settled unless the change would greatly benefit our condition, would prefer to live on less. O I hope we never will be rich. of course I would like an income so I could help the poor when I wanted to but riches bring care. I hope our aim in life will be higher than money. If we can earn sufficient to supply the necessaries and comforts of life I shall be satisfied

Too many devote the best years of their life accumulating money on which to live when old. before they are aware old age is here. They have denied themselves all pleasures. now 'tis too late. Yes our letters are delivered every morning except Sunday ----

This is a poor attempt at letter writing but I must stop and write my sister. Cle says he has the best Mother in the world and that he will write you soon ----" 2

"Soon" arrives on 29 April 1888 with direct news from Cle in his letter to his mother:

C. B. LEE. H. M. VIELE.

Lee & Viele,

House and Sign Painters.

Dealers in Glass and Painters' Supplies.

213 S. Main Street. Wichita, Kas. 4/29 1888

My Dear Mamma

"Months have elapsed since I received your last letter and I am really ashamed of myself for not answering it.

I have had considerable trouble in that time and when I came to Wichita and got a job of Book-keeping for Lee and Viele I worked every moment of the time that I was not eating or sleeping and cut down my allowance of the latter some in order to get more time for my work.

After working night and day and getting help from Ed and Elsie, untangling a set of Books that for five months had been scratched and blotted by a girl wholly incompetent to keep the simplest kind of Books; after getting this set of books in a condition that prompted even Mr Viele to say that he had never had his books in as good condition as then, I was discharged because they thought they could do them. 3

I offered then to keep them for $15.00 per month for I could do it in about three hours a day but they said they would try them awhile. "'Tis an ill wind that blows nobody good." and though I felt down hearted as did Elsie on account of my loss of position - though it had yielded me but $40.00 per month I will come out ahead in the main.

April 7th I footed my last column of figures for Lee and Viele, and walked home without any prospect in view. Since then I have not earned a dollar.

In one week exactly - Apr. 14th Pa. and Ma. came to visit us and we felt very badly to think we could not afford to set a better table but they were very kind and sympathetic. They asked us repeatedly to go home with them to spend the summer but I will not consent to go unless they can furnish me with work. In speaking to Ed. about it one day he said, If you should go home with them and lay around the old folks all summer, you are no brother of mine. They have offered to move the store to some town where there was more business than where they now are and let Ernest and myself run the store. I said I would be willing to do that but I would not be dependent on anybody. Now they have taken their departure for Leoti to visit Ina after which they will return here and finish their visit with us. If they are pleased with Leoti they may take the store out there and Pa practice law. and we boys, Ernest and myself take charge of the store. Some time ago a scheme was proposed to me as a means of livelihood that rather pleased me and as soon as I got my walking papers from Lee and Viele I acted upon it. 3

The scheme is this: Many persons have books that would keep a competent person but a few hours a day while they do not wish to engage cheap help. A good book keeper can not be had for a salary they can afford to pay so they suffer in consequence by hiring a girl - graduate from a business college perhaps, and who practically knows nothing of business or Book keeping.

Or they may engage any person who has only the Theory at his command and consequently the books get out of order.

With the above facts in mind I got some cards printed like the inclosed and arming myself with a pocket full I visited all the business men in town that I thought was likely to need some one in this way.

(The 'Co.' is a man named Jones. who proposed the plan to me.)

Like all new ventures it took much work to get any success to come from it, but after visiting about two-hundred men I got a positive promise from two, and several others who think they will try it after awhile. These two will pay me 20.00 per month each for a few hours work.

After working this up I will be far more independent than if I

worked for but one man for the same amount, for each man whose books I keep is like a patron or customer rather than an employer Then I can earn from $100.00 to $150.00 per month now if I can get all the work I can do and if I get more work I can hire assistance. But this is the possible future - air castles as it were.

We are intending to board for the summer if I can make the required money. I will try to be less dillatory another time."

Ina and Ernest, whom Cle mentioned above, were Elsie's sister and brother.

Cle's effort to build a Bookkeeping company apparently failed. A month later, from John's letter of 31 May 1888, to his mother, we learn that Cle and Elsie plan to move to Elsie's home town in Bussy, IA. Minnie is Anna Belle's sister: 5,2 10

"I rec'd a letter from Cle on Monday saying he would start for Bussy, IA. on Sat. and would go thro' here at noon, and reqested that we should meet them at depot. I replied immediately that we would, but wanted them to stop off - over Sunday. I rec'd a card this morning saying that they w'd start thurs night & be here at 1.10 AM tonight & stay with us until Sat. Minnie came from Reading Tuesday 28th and will go home to K.C. on Sat; so after this week we will have a rather quiet time of it for awhile. ---- Cle ships his H.H. goods this week to Bussy, Ia."

Although it is possible that Cle is working at his father-in-law's store in Bussy, we have no record of his employment there. The only reference to him during the rest of the year is the brief statement by John in his letter written from Emporia to his mother on 27 July 1888: 5,2

"I have not heard from Ed since 10 days ago; and not from Cle since June 7th:"

On 11 January 1889, Cle's father, JOHN JACOB MESSERVE, died. We have no letter from Cle in response to this news; only John's brief comment in the post-script of his letter to his mother which he added on 12 January: 1

"I suppose you have notified Ed and Cle - otherwise I would have telegraphed them today." 3

The next reference to Cle follows in John's letter of 20 April 1889 but it is another "non-news" statement: 5

"I have not heard from Ed lately, and only a short note from Cle last week"

but Anna Belle's letter to JULIA CLELAND on 29 April 1889 brings us a welcome surprise: 10,2

"I was very much surprised to hear of the new arrival at Cle's but glad all is well. The last we heard of them was that Elsie was going home - nothing later." 11

The year is about to close before we hear directly from Cle and Elsie. The first news was written from Minburn, IA, by Elsie to JULIA CLELAND on 21 December 1889. It seems odd that so many 2
months have passed before they named their baby. Minburn is about 11
20 miles northwest of Des Moines, IA:

"Baby and I are alone tonight so I am going to employ my time 11
writing to you and my sister. Outside the elements are wild. inside all is still Baby is peeping at Mamma while she writes. How I do wish you could see our baby - I do not think it is just because she is my baby that I think her so nice. She is certainly a very sweet child. She is still just as good natured, does not like strangers. She has no teeth nor any signs of any, knows nothing about being down on floor. is quite strong and can stand on her feet.

After holidays I am going to teach her to eat drink and to help her self more. She sleeps in her buggy. rocks herself when she is tired, is quite a mimic, does lots of cunning things

The pictures we send are very good. I had them taken in her buggy because I thought she would be more natural. She had one little hand each side of buggy and was just in the act of rocking herself when the picture was taken. Cle decided yesterday to call her Zell. She has been called baby so long it will be hard to change

Does JULIA's baby get around everywhere? I would like so much 6,18
to have a letter from some of you and hear all about the little one ----

My health has been quite good until the 6th of this month. since I've suffered dreadfully with my old disease. Am able to get around some most of the time. a few days could do nothing. Cannot understand what caused such a severe attack. Pa and Ma came up two weeks ago, will stay with us until after Xmas.

I wanted so much to feel well while they were here because we can all enjoy visiting so much more

They are at my brothers to-night but I expect them all here tomorrow, Xmas we eat dinner with my brother I have been trying to make a few presents. Wanted to make something for Ina. She is away from all her people Pa just came down to bring me some candy because I was alone and it was storming I've nearly out grown my candy days. This ink has been frozen and will hardly write. Cle is going to write you but I wanted to say a few words to you We always remember you and wish we could all be to-gether.----"

Cle's letter followed on 23 December 1889. He gives us only a hint of his occupation:

"With heartfelt wishes for a most Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year filled with blessings and joys made manifest by the minute cloud arising as a matter of course; we send you the Photo. of our daughter "Zell". ---- 11

She was leaning too far forward to make her position perfect but her features and expression are excellent. She is growing homlier every day so I think she never has been before nor

ever will be again as pretty as this picture

The Holidays are drawing night and they will bring to each their separate joys or sorrows. I can conceive of no joy for my Christmastide so keen as to have Elsie regain her health. More than two weeks ago she had an attack of asthma come on that has hung like grim death ever since. She suffers intensely all the time with scarcely a moments peace. ----

Trade has been dull in consequence of mild weather ----"

Anna Belle, in her letter to JULIA CLELAND dated 1 January 1890, refers to Elsie's illness: 10,2

"We received Cle's baby's picture -- I am sorry Elsie doesnt get any better of her asthma but I dont think she will get any better for don't think there is any cure for it."

It appears from her daughter, Maggie's letter from Squaw Brook Farm on 23 June 1890, that JULIA CLELAND arrived at her son, Cle's home in Minburn, IA, during the third week of June: 4 2

"This letter I meant to write last Thurs or Friday but I waited 'till Friday 'till we could hear that you had reached Cle's ---- My love to Cle & Elsie & a kiss for the baby" 11

Edgar also wrote from Wichita to his mother at Minburn on 26 June 1890: 3,2

"We were glad to hear of your safe arrival at Minburn and of the pleasant visit while there ---- We are making arrangements, (as John (h)as already written you) to spend the 4th 5th & 6th at Emporia, and by your last letter I see that you will be there too, and if Cle & family could only be there too, what a nice little family gathering we could have of it, ---- All send love to you & Cle & family." 5

We do not know whether Cle and his family were able to go to Emporia for the reunion with his mother. On 2 July, JULIA CLELAND was still in Minburn as indicated by the entries of that date by both Cle and Elsie in sister, JULIA's album which apparently her mother took with her on her trip to visit with her three sons. A copy of the messages follow on the next two pages: 2

It is not clear where JULIA CLELAND was when addressed in successive letters from her daughter, JULIA, written from Squaw Brook Farm on 14 July and 10 August 1890 respectively: 2 6

"I had a nice letter from Elsie Friday the razors got there all safe and "the dress fits to perfection" Elsie said She said you would get her some waists when you came home. I always wanted to get them for (her) but waited till I should know whether Elsie would care for Zell to wear them, now I shall send them right away or is it better to wait till fall." 11

"I got the waists for Zell and sent them I wrote to Elsie last night"

According to John's letter of 26 October 1890, to his mother, now 5,2

"Gone, yet not forgotten."
Absent far, still treasured
in memory through Love.
Cleland Messerve.

Minburn Iowa
July 2nd '89.

back at Squaw Brook Farm, Cle has left Minburn to take employment at the Emporia National Bank, in Emporia, KS:

P.B. PLUMB, Pres't C. HODD, Vice Pres't L.T. HERITAGE, Cash'r J.M. STEELE, Ass't Cash'r

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At home Emporia, Kas. Dec 11th 1890

Dear Mamma

"Cle came, as you know, last Mon morn, early, and has now finished his first week in the bank: it kept me pretty busy, every day, all day, with my work; and with showing him what to do: he got along well however and I think the bank folks are satisfied so far: he has engaged a room down town, and expects some of his household goods in a week or so and will then be at home to himself, so I will leave the details of his affairs for him to relate after he gets settled. He is staying with us now, of course."

All of our news of Cle continues to come from John's letters to their mother for the rest of 1890 and all of 1891. On 7 December 1890. John wrote: 5

"On last Friday eve. we were invited to spend the eve at Mr. Bortons ----. Cle came up to keep house while we were away.---- Cle has not been here to day, for it has been too cold for him to venture out much."

The next news we find in John's letter of 14 December 1890: 5

"Cle was here, for an hour or so this afternoon; he hears frequently from Elsie, and as he writes to you occasionally, I suppose you know as much about his plans as I do: it is hardly time yet to know what his fate will be for 1891, but he keeps pegging away at his work, and does it alright, though often it is supper time by the time he is through:"

and the final news for the year on 28 December 1890:

"Cle took dinner with us on Christmas day"

On 4 January 1891, John writes: 5

""Our" directors met on Friday 2nd and declared the usual dividend and talked about matters in general: I suppose all is sat-

isfactory; have heard nothing about lower salaries. Cle is working right along, but has been told nothing about 1891."

and adds a follow-up note in his letter of 11 January 1891:

"Cle does not know his fate yet, but he is still at work: It strikes me that this is a bad time of year to move, even if he knew he was going to stay: every thing will will come out right in due time."

The same news follows in the next two letters from John dated 18 January and 1 February 1891: 5

"Cle ate dinner with us, as per invitation; no news to report from him or his affairs; "let him speak for himself"."

"On Thursday eve, 29th ult., Anna Belle and I attended a reception ---- Cle came up to keep house for us and stay with Mary. Nothing new about his situation or salary; he is still at work." 10,5 14

John informs us in his letter of 15 February 1891, that Elsie will finally rejoin Cle after being apart nearly six months:

"To day, Cle, Mary, Anna Belle & I took a long walk in the south part of town, most of the time beyond where there were sidewalks and Cle & I wore no rubbers, so you may know that our weather is quite spring-like: ---- I don't know whether Cle has written you or not, but he expects Elsie about the first week in March." 14,10, 5

Elsie did join Cle as planned as we hear from John's next letter of 15 March 1891: 5

"During the past week we have had a pretty busy household, for La Grippe came and gave us a round, and it has not entirely disappeared now. Cle and I had a short siege the first of the week, both feeling better about the middle, and then on Friday we had another attack and had to leave the bank: Under the Dr's (Biddle) care we rallied and feel about well, with a few exceptions. Elsie was sick yesterday and to day, and has some symptoms of La Grippe and this afternoon Zell was not very well---- As Cle was so much better, they concluded to move to his room as they intended to before they were sick; so Cle went down to day, made a fire and got a hack and moved all there this afternoon about 5 o'clock, though we urged them to stay another 24 hours to recuperate." 5 11

A week later, on 22 March 1891, we receive more news from John: 5

"Anna Belle took a walk down town to day with her mother, and stopped at Cle's to see how they were; found Zell well; Cle is well, but Elsie not able to be up all the time. They said they had received a letter from you. Cle has said little or nothing about his writing to you, so I suppose your knowledge of their affairs comes from Elsie or me: hereafter I will let them do their own writing, and then you will get it straight." 10 11

It appears that Elsie returned to her home some time later that Spring according to our next news from John on 19 July 1891: 5

"Cle says that Elsie's sister has not gone west yet, so Elsie's return is not close at hand."

but, from Anna Belle's letter of 2 August 1891, to JULIA CLELAND, we learn she returned late in July: 10,2

"Elsie has returned and looks real well and quite fleshy so does Zell - They stopped here this noon on their way home from church. 11

She reports a very pleasant visit at home."

During 1892, we hear of Cle and his family only twice, once from John's letter of 11 February 1892 to his sister, Maggie, in which he refers to the estate of his uncle, William Edwin Messerve, and the other from Anna Belle on 10 July 1892 in her letter to JULIA CLELAND. From John's letter we learn that Cle is still employed at the Emporia National Bank and that he and Elsie have a second child: 5,4 13 2,5 12

"I have just re-read your letter of 7th inst: it came last night, and I took it to the bank today for Cle to read."

"Minnie, the children & I took a walk out to Elsie's last week and found her in her usual health she has an awfully good baby the best one I ever saw but oh so thin not any larger than (Minnie) Mary's big doll. 12 14

Zell grows like a weed and keeps well it seems a shame they live so far from us for she enjoys playing with Mary so much but does not see her oftener than once every two weeks." 11 14

In 1893, until 30 May when we finally hear directly from Cle, we still must rely on John and Anna Belle for news in their letters to JULIA CLELAND. The first, from John, on 26 February 1893, begins a continuing reference to Elsie's poor health: 5,10 2,5

"Cle is preparing to move from Peyton Ave, last of this week, to some rooms, about 3 blocks from the bank, on Union St - 3 blocks South of here 801. Elsie has been sick, but with help of kind neighbors, has got along and is improving"

In his next letter of 5 March 1893, John tells us that Cle has moved: 5

"Cle moved on Friday to his "new home" 502 Union St he can devote his leisure time to his family now: no cow; no chickens; no garden. ---- We are all in usual health except Elsie who is ailing yet, but better than she was a week ago."

and follows with another reference to Cle's move in his letter of 12 March 1893:

"Cle and family are settled in their new quarters: Cle seems to like it pretty well; being so near his work:"

Shortly afterward, Elsie returned to her home as we learn from Anna Belle's letter of 9 April 1893: 10

"I made me a handbag like the one I made for you also one for Elsie ---- Well Elsie is home with her folks now poor girl I expect she was worn out when she got there with two children & she not at all well." 11,12

Again, we have a brief reference to Cle in Anna Belle's letter of 16 April 1893: 10

"Saw Cle riding by this noon so he is alright"

Anna Belle's next letter of 30 April 1893 gives us a bit of news of both Cle and Elsie: 10

"I have not heard from Elsie only through Cle and he says she is not at all well poor girl - how nice it is she can be with her folks all summer."

Finally, from John's letter of 28 May 1893, we read the short note: 5

"Cle ate dinner with us to day"

We get a close look at the "cost-of-living" from Cle in his letter of 30 May 1893, to his mother, the first direct news in about two and a half years: 2

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C HOOD President ✳ W T SODEN Vice Prest
L T HERITAGE, Cashier
J M STEELE, Asst Cash.

Emporia, Kas. 5-30 1893

Dear Mamma:-

"This is a holiday with me and I will use a portion of it this P.M. to write letters, & to you first. This morning I worked the greater part of the time until noon, then came home and have been doing odd jobs the rest of the day until now. Elsie writes me that the children are doing well, baby grows fast, but she - Elsie - does not get any better, in fact is worse away from me, than with me because she has no one to wait on her nor caution her about over-work & exposure 11,12

I am still planning to leave here early in Sept. for my trip to N.J. but it will cost me far more than I had anticipated.

However I think we will manage it. I am saving a penny whenever & wherever I can. Last month - April - my expenses, including gasoline for cooking, bread which I buy at bakery, oil for

light, but not including fruit which we have on hand of our own canning nor flour of which I had quite a goodly portion and which I also use very little, but all else that I eat or drink footed up to the total of $2.98 and I weigh more than I did then, & feel just as well & strong.

This month will be more - probably about 4.50 - while next month I will probably reduce it again. This month I have been buying such things as bread tickets milk tickets and then the woman who brings me butter & eggs every Friday will squeeze in five weeks in May while in July it will be but four.

My rent now only costs me $5.00 per. Mo instead of $11.00 as here-to-fore.

Elsie too is economizing at her end of the road. I assure you it is not very pleasant to get up at 5:00 A.M. Cook breakfast, wash dishes come home & noon, cook dinner & at night supper. No wife, no babies.

I am waiting patiently for some word from some of you people at Squaw Brook. How long until my turn will come?

I neednt say anything about Jno Anna Belle or Mary for Jno. 5,10,14
probably keeps you pretty well posted since he writes so often.

I took dinner with Jno Sunday on my way home from church. Now
I must eat my lonely supper & then write a few lines to Ed. I 3
have not written to him for several months & I cant remember
when he has written to me. I do wish we all could live near
each other. Perhaps we will in Heaven. I hope so."

On 11 June 1893, Cle writes from Emporia to his sister, JULIA, 6
but gives us very little news:

"Your letter & picture of Wyn rec'd to-day, also my usual Sun- 18
day letter from Elsie. ---- The picture is very pretty he must
be a fine looking boy, & you must be very proud of him. ----

This letter will be short for three reasons; it is so warm to-
day that I would rather be excused from writing at all; I have
a head-ache preventing me from thinking very clearly, and also
I must take a few minutes to write to Elsie.

I have almost decided to give up my trip to N.J. this year. It
will be quite a disappointment to me for I have counted on it so
long. Next year there will be a K. of P. excursion to Wash. D.C.
and in all probability the R.R. fare will be materially less.

The Asst. Cashier, Col. J M Steele, intended to take his vaca-
tion from June 1st two or three weeks but he has concluded to
wait now & go in Sept. Oct. would be just as pleasant for me
but Capt. L.T. Heritage has set that month for his trip. That
leaves me August or none. The more I think it over, the more I
think it advisable to put it off until next year & John thinks 5
so too. Perhaps we can arrange by another year for all three
families to go at the same time & have a grand re-union.----"

From Bussy, IA, Elsie's folk's home, Elsie wrote a long letter to JULIA CLELAND, on 9 July 1893. Ina is Elsie's sister; Ernest, Ina's son:

"It is nearly the close of a lovely day- I have been trying for weeks to write you but since Cle decided it was far the best to postpone our visit I have been heartsick - I have for months anticipated the pleasure of our visit to Cle's home I wanted so much to make you like me better to meet, know and love Maggie and JULIA - It was so hard to tell Zell - I had tried to 4,6,
make Zell understand all about you all - I have talked of you 11
all to her - She could not understand why it was necessary - When Cle wrote that he had given it up I just could not accept it could not realize that it must be so. I was sure something would happen & would not hear that you too should be disappointed It is not because our hearts are not full of love for you, that we do not long oh so much to come - I was all ready - We intended leaving Jo with Ma - Next year we will bring both 12
if God spares us all -"

"Jo" is "Helen", Elsie's second daughter as we will find out as Elsie's letter continues:

"---- Last Sunday Ina rather looked for her husband - he did not come we all went to bed - all the rest had gone to sleep - between eleven and twelve I heard a carriage stop at the gate and the door bell ring - I slipped a wrapper over my night dress took my lamp and started for the door - Ina opened her room door and said "Where are you going" I replied to open the door - She said do not do it - Why Ina I said don't you know it is Doe, that he has gotten a train at Albia - I spoke to him he answered so I opened the door I shook hands with him - opened the parlor door, called Ina and was going to get a light - I noticed he acted strangely - he hesitated and said I have a stranger here - I excused myself immediately told him to walk into the parlor and went in the dining room to make myself more presentable - he followed me in but I did not look up because I was so confused that a stranger should see me so - I was even barefooted - the first I knew some one put their arm around me and Cle spoke to me - at first I was shocked - but oh how glad I was. I had been here just three months that day - was not expecting to see Cle until I went to Emporia and we did not know when that would be on account of Jo - Mamma I believe it was the first time I was ever so completely surprised in my life - The very funniest part was Cle did not know Doe was coming, Doe did not know Cle was - We did not know either was - They run into each other on the train between Creston and Albia Got to Albia. found they would have to stay until morning - hired a carriage and drove out - We had a complete reunion - three children, three children-in-law - three grand children - nine all told ---- Well Cle only staid until Thursday noon - Zell 11
and I went to Albia with him Uncle Elis met us at the train - we staid all night with them. Cle left at 9.55 A.M. for Emporia - I did not want to see him go and leave us yet he thought it best for us to stay until the heat abated I want to go as soon as I can. It will be necessary for him to move before we can go back - How I do hate to do it without seeing you all as I expected

Pa's birthday is the 20th of July We - his three children have had a large phto taken of us - Ma is going to have it framed

and it is to be his birthday present. To make it a little more complete we children have gotte Ma for her present an easel to hold the picture ----

To-day Pa got the Bible to record his Grandchildrens births - he put down Ernests, then Zell's, then said what about Jo's - He said "I won't put it Jo" I said put it "Messerve' 2nd, March 7th ---- so he wrote it Helen Messerve' so the poor child is nameless no longer. ---- 11,12

Cle sent me JULIAs letter to read. She said she would write me soon - have not received it yet - I have been look(ing) for that same letter ever since Jo's birth - Tell her I have not seen Winnie's phto yet but Cle said he was a fine boy - I will thank her just the same ---- We always associate Winnie and Zell. ---- 6 18

I expected to have lots of good visits with Maggie this fall - it is so hard to give up and wait - Perhaps it is all for the best I hope both Cle and John will meet the fulfillment of their plans ---- 4 5

When I reach Emporia I will write you the paticulars, where we move, description of house & etc.

Mamma I want to whisper this to you - since I left home Cle has entirely quit the use of tobacco - I am so thankful ----"

It does seem odd that Cle and Elsie would let one year and four months pass by without choosing a name for their daughter who was born on 7 March 1892, apparently in Emporia, KS. 12

Elsie wrote to Cle's sister, JULIA, from Emporia, on 17 April 1894: 6

"It has been a long time since I wrote you - so much has happened I only have a few minutes to spare but thought it better to write a little than none at all - I found out I did not have any paper but this so will use this in preference to not writing at all"

The stationery Elsie refers to is the letterhead of the Emporia National Bank so it appears that Cle is still employed there.

"How I wish you could pay us a good long visit I wanted to get acquainted with you and Wyn and to have you know our babies 18

We are real easy here in our new home - It is such a pretty street and we have such nice neighbors

We are better located than ever before - oh I am so thankful and grateful for what we have got - then too to think we do not have to move. It will Keep us very close for two years then it will not be so hard

I would give anything if Mamma could only visit us now - how we both would enjoy it -

We are so near the church now we enjoy excellent church priveleges for the first - Cle and Zell go to Sunday School every Sunday - then Cle comes for me and we put Helen to bed and go to morning church I do not go any more on Sunday Cle goes at 11 12

night and I stay with the babies

---- I do not have much opportunity to write - one little girl comes to see Zell so much and they take so much of my attention I have just finished washing my windows I always suffer greatly after doing such work 11

We thought of Wyn - how I would like to see him. and I would have liked to have sent him something I hope someday we will Since we bought this place we have had less than ever to spend - Of course we could easily Keep up the interest and have more things but we are anxious to get it paid for so if anything should happen that Cle would lose his place - we will have it so we can sell it and have a little capital to start with 18

I shut my eyes when I go down town - do not get what I think pretty when purchasing but what I think will do the most services

---- Cle received his share of the inheritence to-day

---- Helen has had a birthday and me just think I am 30 years old 12

---- Zell does not get many clothes I wish I could get her more - I have only made her one dress this winter a red cashmere, made empire trimmed in white wool braid ---- 11

We have no further history of Cle and Elsie. I have no recollection of any visit they may have made to Squaw Brook in North Haledon, NJ. When Cle died on 30 April 1940, the last surviving member of his parent's children, his ashes were sent East for burial beside his father and mother in Laurel Grove Cemetery, Paterson, NJ. The brief service was attended by two of his nephews, WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD and William Cleland Leonhard and myself. 19 1,2 18 20,19

1	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	father
2	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	mother
3	Edgar Barron Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(4)	brother
4	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	sister
5	John Edwin Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2)	brother
6	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	sister
7	Wallace Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(7)	brother
8	Davis Trites	H20;6-2( ),5(5),4( )	husb. 1st cous. once
9	Meta Cleland Woods	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(6)	cousin rem.
10	Anna Belle Cartter (2)	W5;4-2(4),3(2)	brother John's wife
11	Zell Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5),2(1)	daughter
12	Helen Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5),2(2)	daughter
13	William Edwin Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(2)	paternal uncle
14	Mary Julia Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2),2(1)	brother John's daughter
15	Augusta		
16			
17	Julia	20;6-2( ),5(5),4( )	1st cous. once removed
18	WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;2-2(1)	sister JULIA's son
19	WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD	1;1-1(1)	sister JULIA's grandson
20	William Cleland Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(6)	sister Margaret's son

MESSERVE 5
4-2(4),3(5)

Lovingly Ola

With love to all
Ola

JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE 5;3-1(6)

JULIA was born to JOHN JACOB MESSERVE and JULIA CLELAND in Hoboken, NJ, on 24 July 1863. She, with her family, moved to Squaw Brook Farm, in what was then Oldham or Manchester Township and later to become North Haledon, NJ, sometime in the late spring or early summer of 1866. 1,2

The first news we have of JULIA we find in the letter dated 16 January, presumably 1867, from Betsy Creemer, written to "Dear Friends" meaning her sister-in-law, DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER, JOHN JACOB MESSERVE and JULIA CLELAND: 13 14 1,2

> "I shold like to know how you are -- how you are all getting along I hope all well, JULIA as buisy as ever the boys shelling corn Maga tending baby little JULIA Playing & the baby sleeping" 2 3,7

The next news we find in the back pages of her father's diary - a brief note dated 2 February 1867: 1

> "Shoes for JULIA P. $.85"

A reference to JULIA is found in "Tracy's School Record for the school-year of 1871-1872", in which is listed the attendence and class divisions for all of the children of JOHN and JULIA except the eldest, Margaret Cleland Messerve; that is, John Edwin, Edgar Barron, Cleland, JULIA PUTNAM and Wallace Messerve. JULIA was also listed in the "New Jersey School Register for 1872 to 1873 for School District No. 12, In the Township of Manchester, County of Passaic" and in the School Census of District No. 12, Manchester Township, for 1873. 1,2 3,4 5.6, 7

We hear directly from JULIA for the first time in her letter of 2 May 1873 to her mother who was away visiting relatives in New York City: 2

> "My Dear Mother 2
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> I was not dressed when you went away this morning but I was up and I would not have been up then if Edgar had not waked me. Well I went to school this morning and "Miss Maggie" gave me a sum and I could not do but all the others that had the sum did it and I was ashamed of myself for it was a long-division sum. 5 3
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> So you can see how I do sums. Well I must say good-night because I feel rather sleepy and I want to go to bed now. you will see "Miss Maggie" but I only put it in for fun.
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> Sat. Morning
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> This morning Papa forgot his spectacles and when he got to Paterson he thought of them and sent Edgar back for them. 1 5
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> Mr. Van Blarcom was coming down the road and Maggie asked him if he would give Edgar a ride. But he said that Edgar could walk as fast as he would drive but we hope he got a ride with some one else. 3 5
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> Yesterday Alick Adams came here and I gave him my shoes and he

took them up home to be mended and he said that he thought I could have them by tonight and I will be very glad to have then and I hope they will come to night.

When Edgar and Johnny came home Edgar said he had to walk only as far as Mr. Blamire's and rode from there on horse back and when he met Papa Papa said that he did not expect him for a half an hour. 5,4 1

Edgar and Johnny brought up Mr. Blamires bookcase this morning 5,4

The flowers that I gathered on Thir are not withered yet they look very pretty in the window the pretty geranium leaf and the "dusty-miller" are bright too.

We only had twenty school at school. Yesterday we had a dictation lesson I had fifteen mistakes. I hope you did not take any cold in going down in the rain yesterday. I suppose you know that Uncle William gave me 5 cents and i lent it to Cle - toward geting his setting of ducks Eggs. It is a pretty long letter but it would be better if it were Shorter with not so many mistakes. 6

P.S. I don't think you can read it but Maggie says she thinks you can Love to all from your affectionate daughter JULIA P. MESSERVE'" 3

The next day, in his letter dated 3 May 1873, Wallace Messerve mentioned his sister, JULIA, in his letter to his mother: 7 2

"JULIA is writing a letter to you and I thought I would see if I could write one too."

On 9 November 1876, JULIA's brother, John, left his home and family at Squaw Brook Farm to seek his fortune in the West. A year later, in recollection of his departure, John mentioned JULIA in his letter to their mother: 4 2

"I bid good bye to every fear, —— I should say, you and the Squaw Brook Farm, and wiped my weeping, —— I mean, rode to Paterson with JULIA and Papa:" 1

We hear nothing more of or from JULIA until 24 November 1876, when her brother, John, writing from Girard, KS, to their sister, Maggie, said:" 1 3

"Tell JULIA she must help Mamma all she can" 2

JULIA was apparently visiting with her aunt Margaret in New York City according to the letter from Margaret to her sister, JULIA CLELAND, on 7 February 1877: 8 2

"JULIA gets along nicely so far, very - has not seemed at all homesick. but just as happy and pleasant as a bird, sometimes, I fear, too much so to last, and that there may come a sudden change of feeling and homesickness set in with a rush - but we will hope not = We think it is much better for Eddie to have her there - and of course pleasanter for her to have him there they seem to enjoy being to gether -" 5

Over a year passes by before we hear of JULIA again and then from only a brief reference with no details in the letter dated 22 March 1878 from George Coggeshall Tatem, writing from East Meadow, Long Island, NY, to JULIA CLELAND: 9,12

"I suppose JULIA is well again and everything sails along as usual now you are home."

Although two and a half years pass before we hear again of JULIA, the story is the same: Her brother, John, writing from Milan, MO, 4
on 16 December 1880, to their mother, reveals again that JULIA 2
had been sick:

"I am very sorry to hear of JULIA's sickness, though it might have been a great deal worse."

On 20 February 1881, JULIA's brother, Cleland, wrote from Mt. 6
Pleasant, IA, to their mother, on the same subject: 2

"I hope JULIA will soon be well"

AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE, JULIA's paternal aunt, returned to Atlanta, 10
GA, from her visit to Squaw Brook in July 1883, and according to
the letter dated 17 July 1883 from Julia Barron Maynard to JULIA 11
CLELAND, brought back many products of Squaw Brook Farm, includ- 2
ing butter apparently made by young JULIA:

"JULIA's butter lasted till supper-time last night when we finished it. It was very nice."

JULIA's brother, Edgar, writing on 20 July 1883 from Milan, MO, to 5
to their mother, indicates that JULIA was planning a trip to 2
Scarsdale, NY:

"I send enclosed the august remittance in advance, also two dollars for JULIA, she said she wanted me to send her money to take her to scarsdale."

The money arrived after the event. On 18 July 1883, JULIA wrote from Scarsdale to her mother. We have not determined whom JULIA was visiting nor who "uncle John" is:

"We arrived safely yesterday afternoon about six I felt pretty miserable all the the way but felt better after supper I was expecting to come Friday afternoon but today Uncle John says if 19
I will stay until Saturday he will take me to Woodlawn so I think I had better stay there is no telling when I will get another chance. I am having a real nice time. I have just come home from a "Church Sociable". Tomorrow I go to the Picnic I feel pretty well I have had no chill or fever but have taken medicine twice a day since I been here Stockie Dare carried my bundle all the way down to Bauer's gate then Willie Searls carried our bundles over to the car I think Albert will come home with me. ----"

It seems that much of our news of JULIA depends on her being ill. On 20 January 1884, such was again the case as indicated in the letter from her uncle, William Messerve, written from New York City, to JULIA CLELAND: 12 2

> "I received your note Friday evening, and was pleased to hear that you and JULIA had not been eaten, swallowed, or made away by the Tramps. You and JULIA had a sick spell - I guess you had none of my pills - what an oversight. ---- But you are both better, so that ends it."

JULIA's father was recuperating from his illness during an extended visit with his sister, AMANDA, in Atlanta, GA, when he received a letter from his wife, dated 20 April 1884, filled with news of John and Edgar but only a bit of JULIA: 1 10 2 4,5

> "JULIA received a letter last week from Julia B. and the program of Easter doings" 11

Julia Barron Maynard wrote two letters to JULIA from Atlanta on 8 July and 22 July 1884 but neither give us any news except of the writer. 11

We do learn something of JULIA's activities from a letter to JULIA dated 19 July 1884 written at South Norwalk, CT, by "your loving friend Annie". We do not know the "Louie" she refers to but apparently he had been courting JULIA at one time. It is possible that "Hannah", "Aunt Bess", and "Uncle" referred to are members of the Creemer family but this is based as much on the mention of Newark (NJ) as on the names or titles:

> "I have been on a visit to Newark- but did not have much time to go around. I went and call on Hannah - was surprised to see the Baby - must say it is a nice one, very small - I am sorry to hear of Aunt Bess - I hope she is better by now. remember me to her and tell her, - this fall I will be on to Paterson to see her. ---- JULIA what are you doing any way it pains me when you tell me about Louie & you. I wish I could see Louie. I would talk to him. What Girl does he go around with. when he is not with you. is Alice Ellis married yet, well JULIA I am now married but married life has not changed me in the least I am as ready for a good time as ever."

On 9 October 1884, JULIA's brother, John, in his letter from Wichita, KS, to their mother, tells us that JULIA is planning to spend the winter in the south, certainly Atlanta, GA, with their aunt AMANDA and presumably for her health. It is probable that this visit led to her marriage the following year to her cousin, ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD: 4 2 10 15

> "I am rather sorry to have JULIA go away from you & be gone so long; you need her more in cold weather than in summer I should think. I wish she could come out here: I think it would do her as much good as to go South."

We do not know when JULIA returned to Squaw Brook or even positive evidence that she spent the winter in Atlanta. The first

news we find for the year 1885 is from the score of the "ENTERTAINMENT" presented on 10 June 1885 and reproduced below:

ENTERTAINMENT

To be given under the auspices of

PUBLIC SCHOOL No. 12,

UPPER HALEDON,

On Wednesday Evening, June 10th, 1885.

Admission 25 Cts. Children half price.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

SONG	Merry Bells	Chorus
RECITATION	Can I be an Angel	Carrie Yennie
RECITATION	Chatterbox	Lizzie Cott
RECITATION	Somebody's Mother	Katie Nolan
SONG	Little Eva	Duet
RECITATION	Little Beggar	Carrie Yennie
DIALOGUE	Little Scholar	Maggie Nolan, Emma Berry
RECITATION	Retribution	Bertha Orr
SOLO	The Old Home	Julia Misserve
RECITATION	Mamma's Little Darling	Maggie Nolan
RECITATION	Widder Green	Carrie Berry
SONG	Round World	Duet
RECITATION	Nosegay	Annie Ballentine
RECITATION	Purest Pearls	Katie N. Nolan
SONG	Twilight	Chorus
DIALOGUE	All About Two Dolls	Maggie Nolan, Emma Berry
SONG	March Winds	Chorus
RECITATION	Don't Forget	Retta Ellis
RECITATION	Mamma's Housemaid	Emma Berry

PART II.

DUET	The Dasies Blossom	with Chorus
RECITATION	Cunning Crow	Sussie Lotz
RECITATION	Hide and Seek	Eva Ellis
RECITATION	My Best Doll	Lizzie Lotz
SONG	Mouse Traps	Chorus
DIALOGUE	The Passenger Going to Mauro.	Julia Misserve, Charles Berry, A. G. Vandewater
DUET	A Boy is a Boy	with Chorus
DIALOGUE	Oh Dear,	Lizzie Lotz, Eva Ellis, Carrie Yennie
SOLO	Just as Well	Julia Misserve
DIALOGUE	School Marm	Katie N. Nolan, Carrie Berry, Retta Ellis, Josie Nolan, Charles Ballentine
DIALOGUE	Way to J. Smith's	Josie Nolan, Chas. Ballentine
SONG	Fairy Moonlight	Chorus
DIALOGUE	Keep Cool	Katie Nolan, Bertha Orr
SOLO	Twinkle Little Star	Julia Misserve
DIALOGUE	The Haunted House	Chas. Berry, A. G. Vandewater

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Legend of Squaw Brook

The Squaw Brook flows with rhythmic rill,
Down westward slope of Goffle Hill.

And murm'ring in their melody,
The waters lisp, ah me, ah me.

'Twas in that time when land was free,
And red men roamed at liberty.

They built their huts and hunted game,
With none to question whence they came.

But in their wand'ring forest life,
The red men were not free from strife.

And discontent and tribal feuds,
Disturbed the woodland solitudes.

The Goffle Chief, named Crooked Toes,
Had taken scalps from many foes.

His wigwam stood beside the rills,
That flow so rhythmic down the hills.

His only child had all the grace,
That gives the charm to maiden face

She bore the name of Laurel Star,
And suitors came from near and far.

They brought her gifts of beads and game,
And some had prestige of great fame.

Far down the vale there shone the gleam,
That lingers on Passaic's stream.

And on its banks in feathery gear,
There dwelt a buck who knew no fear.

And to and fro to hill and vale,
He journeyed with a lover's tale.

And pressed his suit and waited long,
For rivals came in a great throng.

But in the end the Goffle squaw,
Gave heart to buck named Wagaraw.

Far up the hill on beaten track,
The braves all met at Sycomack.

Wren all the braves 'round council fire,
To quench forever all their ire;

The beaded drum sent forth its sound,
And pipe of peace was passed around.

Each one brought present, and with pride,
Wished joy to Wagaraw and bride.

Then all engaged in game of chance,
Or joined with those in wedding dance.

But sweetest moments of content,
Are very often pridily rent.

And in the game so nobly fought,
Arrows flow as quick as thought.

But friendly tests where heated fray,
Oft sees an arrow go astray.

And one through flaw, deflecting far,
Pierced through the heart of Laurel Star.

All joy gave way to that of gloom,
And mountain maid was borne to tomb.

Tears fell as rain, and since that day,
The brook has sung its mournful lay.

At wind of brook far up the hill,
The waters formed a speaking rill.

And who so will may hear the strain,
Ah me, ah me, in sad refrain.

Year in and out through lapse of time,
The brook has sung this mystic rhyme.

And in their journey to the sea,
The waters lisp, ah me; ah me.

Mrs. Julia P. Maynard clipped the above poem from a newspaper in 1885. Author and date of origin unknown.

JULIA gave this card to her father, JOHN JACOB MESSERVE. The date is not known.

JULIA was staying with her sister, Maggie, to assist her after the birth of her fourth child, Margaret, according to Maggie's letter to their mother dated 26 August 1885: 3 16 2

> "We are all flourishing Madeline staid over to the other house till six o'clock last night as good as could be all day never a cry —— That helped JULIA so that she kept steadily going through all there was to do and she accomplished ever so much tired as she was - finished the ironing, & got supper ready before Madeline came back ----
>
> JULIA got off to bed at nine o'clock last night & slept straight thru' till five this morning.----
>
> JULIA is warming the babie's nose & toes by the fire" 17

Finally, we have two bits of pre-nuptial news. The first is from Julia Cleland Woods from New York City in her letter of 20 September 1885 to JULIA CLELAND: 18 2

> "I expect you are not feeling very good about your JULIA going away Where is ROBERT MAYNARD is he down South" 15

and the second from John writing from Wichita on 9 October 1885 to their mother: 4 2

> "We will think of JULIA on her wedding day - the 24th inst. -: they have our very best wishes, and I sincerely hope that there happiness will be as complete as it is possible to be on this earth and that it may last long."

John had the date wrong. On 25 October 1885, ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD and JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE were married at St. Mary's Church, in Haledon, NJ. 4,15

1	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	father
2	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	mother
3	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	sister
4	John Edwin Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2)	brother
5	Edgar Barron Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(4)	brother
6	Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5)	brother
7	Wallace Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(7)	brother
8	Margaret Cleland	10;5-2( ),4(1)	maternal aunt
9	George Coggeshall Tatem	10;5-2( ),4(5),3(1)	cousin
10	AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	5&9;4-1(3)	paternal aunt
11	Julia Barron Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(4)	cousin
12	William Edwin Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(2)	paternal uncle
13	Elizabeth	W19;6-2( ),5(6)	granduncle's wife
14	DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER	19;5-1(4)	paternal grandmother
15	ROBERT MESSERVE MAYNARD	1;3-3(5)	cousin (fiance)
16	Margaret Verena Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(4)	niece
17	Madeline Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(3)	niece
18	Julia Cleland Woods	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(1)	cousin
19	John		

Julia P. Messerve

Wallace Messerve 5;4-2(4),3(7)

Wallace was born in New York, NY on 31 March 1866, the seventh child of JOHN JACOB MESSERVE and JULIA CLELAND. The first reference to him was found in a letter dated 13 June 1866 from Mary S. Coggeshall, his first cousin once removed, to his mother at home in Hoboken, NJ: 1,2 3

"Do let me know all about you and the baby. Have you found a name for him yet?"

A few months later, the Messerve family moved from Hoboken to Squaw Brook Farm in what is now North Haledon, NJ.

The next sequential news of Wallie was a flash-back written almost twenty seven years later. On 15 February 1893, Julia Barron Maynard, writing from Atlanta, GA to WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD, on the occasion of WYN's fourth birthday, recalled: 4,5

"when your uncle Wallie was 4 years old I gave him 4 pennies."

Nothing more was heard from Wallace until, on May 3, 1873, he wrote to his mother who was visiting relatives in New York City:

"My Dear Mother

JULIA is writing a letter to you and I thought I would see if I could not write one too. 6

First I would like to know how you feel today. Did you get wet when you went to New York? I have been very well since you have been away. I could not go oot dors yesterday because it was too cold and rainy day. Harry Berry came down here for some soap and he gave Janeie ten cents for it He stayed and played with me a bout one hour and a half Janie's sore feet are better today but she swept a good deal and got a pain in her side.

Please give my love to all and some is for you.

Wallace Messerve"

Most country folk made their own supply of soap in those days. It appears from marks on the letter that his sister, JULIA, helped him with his grammar and spelling. She missed "out doors".

Wallie's aunt, AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE, wrote on 4 May 1873 from Savannah, GA to his mother: 7

"and Wallie he to I hope he will be well and grow to be a big boy"

We hear from Wallie again on 15 December 1873 in a letter to his maternal grandmother, JULIA COTTRELL: 8

"Dear Grandmother,

I thought I would write a few lines to you. We have two squirrels in a cage. They run in the wheel both together, sometimes they are very friendly and sometimes they quarrel I wish you could see our nice little bantams. Edgar has just been trading two of his old ones for a pair of another kind. We have two nice fat pigs, not very large, and we are going to kill one of them to-morrow. Did you know we have all the school children up in our house? There are over fifty scholars. I want to tell you I think you are very kind to knit us so many stockings. 9

I send my love to all
From your loving Grandson

Wallace Messerve"

On frequent occasions, classes from the grammar school were held in the Messerve home.

We have no written record of or from Wally during 1874. Certainly he had chores to share with his older brothers in the care of the chickens, cows, horses and pigs as well as with haying and gardening but there is much joy, too, on a farm for a growing boy.

During March of 1875, Wallace was given an assignment to read Spark's "Life of Washington" and, probably for English Composition, wrote this imaginative little story entitled:

My Trip to the Moon

"Once I had been shot out of a cannon, and went right stright to the Moon, and when I got there what do you think I saw Oh! I saw the Moon all dressed in her silks and satins, and shoes of gold and bracelets of gold of gold of gold. And then I saw on my way home I saw the sun so bright and golden light and when it looked at me it dazzeled my eyes so I could hardly see and so I left them."

How tragically prophetic his story was! In the Paterson Daily Press, Thursday Evening, September 2, 1875, was printed:

"Dreadful Casualty Near Haledon.

A Boy Shoots His Brother's Head Off! —
What Comes of Careless Handling of Fire-Arms. —
A Horrible Sight.

One of the most frightful shooting casualties we have ever heard of, happened yesterday afternoon near Haledon, whereby a boy had his head blown completely off by his older brother.

The boys were children of Mr. John J. Messerve, clerk in a New York commercial house. Mr. M. is well-known at Haledon, where he has lived for about nine years past, since he came on from Savannah, Ga. He has been School Trustee for some years, in the

upper district. His wife is a highly accomplished lady, and she and her daughter have taught the district school. They live near the upper end of the Haledon Pond, about two miles from Paterson. 10

The two boys in question were Cleland, aged fourteen, and Wallace, aged nine years and five months. They had been at work out on the grounds, and coming into the house about a quarter to six, ran up-stairs, where Cleland intended to change his pantaloons before tea. Both boys were in the highest spirits, and ran to their room in great glee. Five minutes later the people down-stairs — Mrs. and Miss Messerve and young Mr. Street — heard a gun fired up-stairs. They hastily ran to the boy's room and oh, horror of horrors! The sight they beheld was enough to turn the strongest brain. On one side of the bed stood the older boy, dazed with terror, with a single-barreled shot-gun in his hand or near him. On the other side of the bed lay the headless trunk of the younger boy! The head was nowhere to be seen, but on the floor, on the walls, on the ceiling and on the furniture were fragments and clots of blood and brains and hair and skull, but nowhere was there a recognizable portion of the bright young face which only five minutes before had merrily smiled upon mother and sister in the rooms below. 11

The agony of the relatives cannot be described.

Word was sent to Coroner Amiraux, and he went to the scene of the casualty, arriving there about eight o'clock. He says the sight was the most horrible he ever witnessed, and the undertaker Gould, who went up later, says the same.

The Coroner having calmed the older boy got out of him the particulars of the affair. When he and his brother got upstairs they were full of fun, and seeing two guns in a closet proposed to play soldier. These guns were not loaded usually, but the eldest son of Mr. Messerve had loaded them a few days ago, which the younger boys did not know. Wallace stood on one side of the bed with the double-barrel gun, and it being too heavy for him he rested it on the bed, pointing it at his brother. Cleland stood on the other side, with the single-barrel gun, and raised it, when it went off, with the astonishing effect described. 14

Both guns were loaded with birdshot, yet no shot could be seen anywhere from the discharged weapon. Cleland says that he did not know which gun went off when he was startled by the report, and it was not till his mother rushed in that he came to his senses and saw what had happened.

The father was almost wild with horror when he came home and found what had happened.

The Coroner deemed an inquest needless."

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MESSERVE 5
4-2(4), 3(7)

In the Paterson Daily Guardian, Thursday Evening, September 2, 1875, was printed this notice:

DEATHS

"MESSERVE - Suddenly, on Wednesday, September 1st, 1875, at Haledon, N.J., Wallace, youngest son of John J. and Julia Messerve, aged 9 years and 5 months.
Funeral services will take place at St. Mary's Church, Haledon, near Paterson, on Saturday, 4th inst. at 2 P.M. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

Wallie was buried in Bay View Cemetery, Jersey City, NJ, at the side of his uncle, Abraham, and his paternal grandmother, DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER, both of whom predeceased him by only five years. There is no headstone there, just the green of well mown grass and watching over him, "the sun so bright and golden light and the moon of gold of gold of gold". 12,13

1	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	father
2	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	mother
3	Mary S. Coggeshall	20;6-2( ),5(9),4(1)	1st cousin once removed
4	Julia Barron Maynard	1;4-4(9),3(4)	cousin
5	WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;2-2(1)	nephew
6	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	sister
7	AMANDA MARIA MESSERVE	5 & 9;4-1(3)	aunt
8	JULIA COTTRELL	20;5-1(4)	maternal grandmother
9	Edgar Barron Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(4)	brother
10	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	sister
11	Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5)	brother
12	Abraham C. Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1)	uncle
13	DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER	19;5-1(4)	paternal grandmother
14	John Edwin Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2)	brother

Please give my love to all
and some is for you
-Wallace Messerve

5;5-3( ) 35 JACOB MESSERVE b. age d. age	19;5-1(4) 36 DEBORAH BARRON CREEMER b. Woodbridge, NJ m.20 Mar 1813 age d. Nov 1870 Bay View Cem. age Jersey City, NJ
4(1) Abraham C. Messerve b.15 Oct 1815 New York City, NY age 40 d. Jul 1870 Bay View Cem. age 55 Jersey City, NJ	Isabella L. Idell b. m. 1855 Hoboken, NJ age d. age
3(2) Fred W. Messerve b. age d. age	b. m. age d. age
2(1) b. 7 Jun 1892 m. age d. age	b. age d. age

Messerve 5;5-3( ),4(1),3(2),2(1)

Isabella L. Idell wrote from Crosswicks, NJ, where she was helping an old friend nurse her old father, to JULIA CLELAND, on 18 March 1893, giving us the only news we have of her son, Fred's young daughter: 1 2 3

"Fred has just goten up from a sick bed, had a letter this morning from his wife she said he had gone to business again but felt completely exausted by night; his little girl is growing nicely, was nine months old the 7th of this month, is trying her best to walk and talk, she says Pushy Tat and Pat-a cake, and goes all around the room in her baby tender." 4

1	Isabella L. Idell	W5;5-3( ),4(1)	paternal grandmother
2	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	wife of paternal granduncle JOHN
3	Fred W. Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(1),3(2)	father
4		W5;5-3( ),4(1),3(2)	mother

5;4-2(4) 17 JOHN JACOB MESSERVE b.14 Nov 1822 Savannah, GA age 29 d.11 Jan 1889 Laurel Grove Cem. age 66 Paterson, NJ	10;4-1(6) 18 JULIA CLELAND b.22 Aug 1824 Manhattanville,NY m.13 May 1852 St. Thomas Church age 27 New York, NY d. 6 Feb 1896 Laurel Grove Cem. age 71 Paterson, NJ
3(1) Margaret Cleland Messerve b. 7 Sep 1853 Hoboken, NJ m.22 Jan 1879 North Haledon, NJ age 25 d. 2 May 1932 Laurel Grove Cem. age 78 Paterson, NJ	G. Theodor Leonhard b.27 Jul 1855 age 23 d.19 Oct 1900 Laurel Grove Cem. age 45 Paterson, NJ
2(1) Dora Leonhard b. 3 Sep 1880 d.16 Oct 1932 Laurel Grove Cem. age 52 Paterson, NJ	X
2(2) Howard Messerve Leonhard b.21 Mar 1883 d. 6 Dec 1888 age 5	X
2(3) Madeline Leonhard b.27 Apr 1884 Haledon, NJ m.14 Oct 1916 Passaic, NJ age 32 d.23 Jan 1971 Princeton Cem. age 87 Princeton, NJ	Richard Terhune Anderson b. 2 Sep 1879 Passaic, NJ age 37 d. 9 Aug 1954 Princeton Cem. age 74 Princeton, NJ
2(4) Margaret Verena Leonhard b.25 Aug 1885 d. 1 Aug 1949 Laurel Grove Cem. age 64 Paterson, NJ	X

2(5) Albert Theodor Leonhard b. 1887 age 23 d. age	Annie MacLagan b. m.27 Sep 1910 St. John's age Passaic, NJ d. age
2(6) William Cleland Leonhard b. 1890 age d. age	Helen Edwards b. m. age d. age
2(7) Edgar Dorwart Leonhard b. 8 Jul 1893 Passaic, NJ age 23 d.29 Jun 1944 Ridgelawn Cem. age 50 Passaic, NJ	Ethel Carolyn Smith b.18 Mar 1894 Greenville, NJ m.24 Apr 1917 Passaic, NJ age 23 Passaic, NJ d.20 Aug 1947 Ridgelawn Cem. age 53 Passaic, NJ

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5;4-2(4),3(1),2(1)
Dora Leonhard
b. 3 Sep 1880

d.16 Oct 1932 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 52 Paterson, NJ

Dora Leonhard 5;4-2(4),3(1),2(1)

"The first reference we have to Dora comes from the letter, dated 8 July 1881, written by Mattie Haynes, from Milan, MO, to JULIA CLELAND: 1 2

"Give my love to baby Dora"

Dora and her brother, Howard, were visiting with their grandmother, JULIA CLELAND, when their sister, Margaret,was born. Maggie referred to Dora in her letter, of 26 August 1885, to her mother: 3,2 4,5 2

"I hope Howard was not much trouble last night. I have tho't of of him & Dora so much and hope Dora is trying to be a little Mother to him. Tell her our little new baby is very sweet - and sometimes I think she looks a little like her. Ask her what she thinks would be a nice name to give her. ---- I hope you found Papa & Dora all right when you got home." 3 4 6

JULIA CLELAND gives us news of Dora in her letter, from Squaw Brook Farm, North Haledon, NJ, dated 1 December 1885, to her daughter, JULIA, in Atlanta, GA: 2

"Dora is here for a few days - she and Howard were here for about ten days, and Dora was not well when she went home, her sickness turned out to be jaundice, is well now." 3

On 3 May 1886, Maggie wrote from Haledon, NJ, to her sister, JULIA, in Atlanta, GA: 5,7

"Madeline is brown as a berry ---- I wish you could see her pushing behind the "'spress wagon", Howard pulling and running fast - she wearing Howard's last summer's hat - H. with Dora's brown straw - and such noisy youngsters you never heard. They are all three at about all day till five oclock. --- 8 3 3

I bought Dora a brown straw steeple crown hat, trimmed with red ribbon & red chenille, which just matches her dress and her hair long, wavy, ends curled up, she looks as pretty as can be in it. ---- Dora sends lots of messages - the burden of the most of them is "just pack up her duds and come." She is a good help to me. ---- D. sends a piece of flowering current. Dora is wild about all flowers, but especially rejoices in this;"

Maggie closes the year with a long letter, on 31 December 1886, to her sister, JULIA, in Atlanta, GA. Her first reference is to the Christmas package sent by the Maynards: 5 7

"---- and many thanks from us all. Dora immediately put them on & went over to show her Grandmother & Aunt Fan. I think you made a very good guess - as to size & fit - the waist is rather loose but she looks so neat & pretty with that blue that it might almost be Aunt Fanny grown little again. ---- Children had a lot of nice things in their stockings in the Kitchen - Dora, a handsome book & (tie) from Auntie D, a scrap book from Fanny & blk woolen stockings from Grandma L. a book nice picture with stories from Santa Claus - & a box of paints, also a drawing slate.

---- They each had a little candy figs oranges, nuts New Years' cake & doughnuts beside. ----

Dora says "thank you for the lovely cards & dress & apron and that tell you we had a happy nice time Christmas and a happy New Years" Had a lot of presents from Santa Claus and Uncle Wm came up Xmas day & bro't her a new lovely book more pretty than any thing she ever had or expected to have the last book he ever expects to set up -" 9

While her mother was waiting for the birth her next child, Dora stayed with her grandmother, JULIA CLELAND, at Squaw Brook Farm. JULIA referred to Dora, during this visit, in her letter of 13 February 1887, to her daughter, JULIA, in Atlanta: 5 2 7

"Dora is up here, and says she is going to make a visit of "five weeks". three have now passed, and she is well and happy, and satisfied to let her Father go home to-day with out her. She behaves splendidly, is industrious, and remarkably bright and interesting. She has knitted a long chain of worsted - over 4 pins, you know, - (only hers are wire) putting the yarn over with a pin. for reins, and sent them home by her Father to the children: now she is making some of the same, of all the pretty colored worsted I have, for a mat. (to be sewed round and round you know) and you would be surprised to see how nicely she does it and how perservering she is." 11 11

In her letter of 29 April 1887, written from "Leonhardville", to her sister, JULIA, in Atlanta, Maggie includes the next news of Dora: 7,5

"I am in the midst of a new dress for Dora from that pretty plaid Julia sent me and it is really beautiful. ---- Mother L. has given me her blue skirt and what was left of the overskirt ---- for Dora, ---- Last Tues. aft. I took Dora down to the school, and staid till school was out - and the next morning She went and staid all day by herself all as smooth as satin, came home very much pleased.

Mrs Denison had bro't Miss Doty up her(e) last week & made us a nice little visit & had tea with us - so Dora received her acquaintance with her and got very sociable, She is lovely, not only in face - but so sweet, amiable, quiet, simple, unaffected, modest and unpretentious. She is not so stout as she was last summer and that is an advantage to her good looks. We arranged when I was to take Dora down which was the first opportunity I could leave home after I got the dress fixed. Miss D. has a school of between 50 & 60 scholars - attendence when I was there was 46. Mattie & I went down to the road with D. the first day and waited till she turned the corner and I wish you could have seen the little shiny-haired girl, walking along so briskly with her red hat on and her bag on her arm - quite business like, I can assure you. At the time school was out I took Margie & Mattie & we went down to the road to meet her. Yesterday was too rainy for her to go - but today we went down with her, Howard with us - besides, picking yellow lilies in the woods - on the way. She takes her lunch and eats it with Miss Doty - She would rather than go to Mrs. Denison's altho She invited 8 4 8 3

her. I am so glad she is started for I dreaded it so much for her. In a short time I shall not mind her going & coming for she will be more used to it, and to taking care of herself."

Maggie wrote again to JULIA, in Atlanta, on 9 May 1887: 5,7

"I never noticed the contrast between the black trunks of the trees in the woods with the tiny fresh foliage so greatly as I did this morning as we came back from our walk with Dora, Mattie, H. M. & I ---- We are all well except colds. Dora & Margie cough badly." 8,3, 4

We hear nothing more of Dora until Meta Cleland Woods writes, on 8 January 1890, to JULIA CLELAND: 12 2

"I should think Dora must have been very sick when you say her pulse was so high."

Meta mentioned Dora's illness again in her letter of 20 January 1890, to JULIA: 12 2

"When we last heard from you you were better but was to take a powder that night to make you sweat. Theodore was sick in bed, and Dora with a high fever pulse 150." 11

JULIA CLELAND was visiting her three sons in the midwest when she received a letter from Dora, written from Squaw Brook, on 26 June 1890: 2

"Dear Grandma

This afternoon I went up to Mr. Ellis' with Aunt Jerry and WYN. After we had made a little call, Mr. Ellis took me out in the garden and gave me some lovely flowers. Shall I tell you the names? Single and double poppies, Sweet Williams, Sweet Pea. Ragged sailors, Fever-few, And pansies of many colors. I send you one or two in this letter. Mrs. Ellis said to send you her love when we wrote Mamma took Mattie to Paterson one day this week and got her a new white hat. Margie says that the plants are growing nicely, there are sprouts on both. Albert said when he was going to bed one night "if Grandma hadn't of went away I could kiss her too, because I'm Grandma's boy" and he said to put in the letter "tell Grandma I love her." 7 13 5,8 4 10

I will put in the babys' letter too. 14

We had a very pleasant time closing day. and I wish that you could have been there. The beginning was the raising of the flag that the children collected the money for. And when it went up we all cheered. Then we had singing and reading and I read a piece called "The Fairy Artist"

Mamma said she was very much pleased. 5

Mr. Denison gave us ice cream as he always does.

The children send their love with mine to all.

Your loving
Dora"

Maggie also wrote, on 23 June 1890, to her mother, giving us news of Dora: 5,2

"Dora did not go to school till Tuesday 17th and that was the Strawberry Festival Day - so after School She staid at Mrs D's, but Theo came early stopped there, bro't her home, all had supper and then as Emmy was on hand to go with Dora, or else stay home, Theo took them both down at 8 o'clock. They got back about 10.30 and bro't us some ice cream and candy & cake for the children in the morning. Dora had enjoyed herself very much. She has been to school every day since, and more than once recd praise from Mr. D. for her reading & cyphening. She is to read today before the company and I hope she will do well or rather, do herself justice. The children say their ~~flowers~~ plants you gave them to take of are doing very nicely, splendidly they know they are - because they water them every day when it is hot, but not on rainy days. When I asked if they could see any green shoots they said they could not yet but they know they were growing nicely. Dora says she told them, that she had some plants to take care of, too, She had three to look after, one pretty big one, one a little smaller and one dear little sweet baby plant. You can guess that she meant the three boys." 11

JULIA CLELAND was still away on her western trip when her daughter, JULIA wrote her three letters; the first on 20 July 1890: 2 7

"Dora has just come home from a drive to Passaic with her Father ---- Dora and I are going for some black-berries now." 11

and the second; on 10 August 1890:

"Dora has had a boil on her finger next the little one on her right hand it has been very painful the core came out Friday it felt so easy today that she went to Sunday school."

and the third; on 20 August 1890:

"Dora, Mattie and Margie went this morning to see their Aunt Fannie and to spend a couple of nights and days. Theo. stopped at Grandpas tonight to see how they got along and if either was homesick but he says they are having a fine time, poor little Albert misses them so. ---- Wednesday we did the day by going out riding Fan, Margie, Albert, Winnie and I went down with Theo. in the morning, and Margie, Fan, Dora, Mattie and Willie went for him at night." 8,4 11 10 4,13, 8,14

Meta Cleland Woods provides the next news in her letter, dated 21 January 1892, to JULIA CLELAND: 12 2

"You did not say what had been the trouble with Dora and Madeline but I presumed it must have been the "grip" as I think they had Whooping cough some years ago. Did they not?" 8

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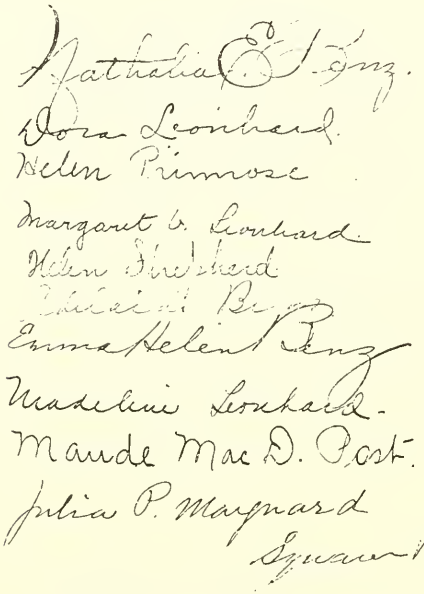

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A dedication service of three clerestory windows was held at St. John's Episcopal Church, Passaic, NJ on 20 October 1946. The following reference to Dora was printed in "The Order of Service":

The Dora Leonhard Window - - The Resurrection

Given by St. Agnes' Guild of St. John's Church, and by her sisters and brothers. She was a devoted member and, for many years, President of this Guild.

1	Mattie Haynes	W5;4-2(4),3(2)	wife of maternal uncle, John
2	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	maternal grandmother
3	Howard Messerve Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(2)	brother
4	Margaret Verena Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(4)	sister
5	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	mother
6	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	maternal grandfather
7	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	maternal aunt
8	Madeline Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1) ,2(3)	sister
9	William Edwin Messerve	5;5-3( ),4(2)	granduncle
10	Albert Theodor Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(5)	brother
11	G. Theodor Leonhard	H5;4-2(4),3(1)	father
12	Meta Cleland Woods	10;5-2( ),4(3),3(6)	1st cousin once removed
13	WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;2-2(1)	cousin
14	William Cleland Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(6)	brother
15	NATHALIA ELIZABETH BENZ	3;2-1(7)	wife of cousin WYNFIELD

Howard Messerve Leonhard 5;4-2(4),3(1),2(2)

We hear first of Howard from Julia Cleland Woods in her letter, dated 1 May 1883, to JULIA CLELAND: 1 2

"You kept your baby affair pretty well I did not dream you were thinking of such a thing. am real glad Maggie is safe over the trouble and that it is a boy I like boys the best you know, that is boy babys." 3

Howard was staying with his grandmother, JULIA CLELAND, when his sister, Margaret, was born. His mother referred to him when she wrote to her mother on 26 August 1885: 2 4,3 2

"Aunt Jerry is homesick for Howard We wonder how he is getting along since he was orphaned and how you are managing with such a big family of little people. If you need any medicine for him just send to Dr. for it - We forgot to give you the bottle we have here, but it is no matter. ---- I hope Howard was not much trouble last night, I have tho't of him & Dora so much and hope Dora is trying to be a little Mother to him." 5 6

On 1 December 1885, we learn Howard is staying with his grandmother again at Squaw Brook Farm, in her letter to her daughter, JULIA, in Atlanta, GA: 2 5

"Dora is here for a few days - she and Howard were up here for about ten days." 6

Maggie provides the next news in her letter, dated 3 May 1886, to her sister, JULIA, in Atlanta: 3 5

"Madeline is brown as a berry ---- I wish you could see her pushing behind the "'spress wagon", Howard pulling and running fast - she wearing Howard's last summer's hat ---- and such noisy youngsters you never heard. They are all three out about all day till five oclock." 7 6,7

Closing out the year with a long letter, on 31 December 1886, to her sister, JULIA, in Atlanta, Maggie gives us a bit of news of Howard's Christmas: 5,3

"Children had a lot of nice things in their stockings in the Kitchen ---- Howard had a Kaleidoscope handkerchief & mittens & undershirts from Santa Claus, a box of ninepins & blk woolen stockings from Grandma L. a book from Grandma M. ---- Uncle Wm came up on Xmas day ---- to Howard he gave that top of his - you remember it, don't you" 2 8

We get a bit of news of Howard from his mother's letter, of 29 April 1887, to her sister, JULIA, in Atlanta, beginning with his accompanying his mother and two of his sisters to meet his sister, Dora, on her way to school: 3 5 6

"Yesterday was too rainy for her to go - but today we went down with her, Howard with us - besides, picking yellow lilies in the woods - on the way. ----

Howard has been up to Sq. Bk. for a week just returned yesterday. Mamma & he walked down." 2

In her letter, of 9 May 1887, written from "Leonhardville", to her sister, JULIA, in Atlanta, Maggie referred to Howard: 5.3

"I never noticed the contrast between the black trunks of the trees in the woods with the tiny fresh foliage so greatly as I did this morning as we came back from our walk with Dora, Mattie, H, M. & I." 6,7 4

The last news of Howard comes from Meta Cleland Woods' letter to JULIA CLELAND, dated 26 October 1888: 9 2

"I want to tell you how sorry we all were to hear of Howard's sickness, and how anxious we were to hear your second report, and how very thankful we felt that the report was even as favorable as it was for we know something about typhoid fever and what a treacherous disease it is. ---- Now without any joking don't you think when Howard gets better it would do him and Maggie both good to come down and stay awhile with us." 3

Howard died a few weeks later on 6 December 1888.

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2	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	maternal grandmother
3	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	mother
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5;4-2(4),3(1),2(3) Madeline Leonhard b.27 Apr 1884 Haledon, NJ m.14 Oct 1916 Passaic, NJ age 32 d.23 Jan 1971 Princeton Cem. age 87 Princeton, NJ	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(4) Margaret Verena Leonhard b.25 Aug 1885 d. 1 Aug 1949 Laurel Grove Cem. age 64 Paterson, NJ

H5;4-2(4),3(1),2(3)
Richard Terhune Anderson
b. 2 Sep 1879 Passaic, NJ

m.14 Oct 1916 Passaic, NJ
age 37
d. 9 Aug 1954 Princeton Cem.
age 74 Princeton, NJ

Madeline Leonhard 5;4-2(4),3(1),2(4) Richard T. Anderson

Early in May, 1884, Madeline was born to Margaret Cleland Messerve and G. Theodor Leonhard. 1 2

Edgar Barron Messerve gives us our first news of Madeline in his letter from Milan, MO, dated 6 June 1884, to his mother: 10 3

"I rec'd a letter from Maggie on May 7th giving the news of the arrival of a brand-new-girl," 1

The birth of her sister, Margaret, on 25 August 1885 prompts the next reference we have to Madeline in her mother's letter of 26 August 1885 to JULIA CLELAND: 8 1 3

"We are all flourishing Madeline staid over to the other house till six o'clock last night as good as could be all day never a cry — ---- Madeline has gone over to Grandma Leonhard's for the day I 'spose"

In a letter dated 29 December 1885, we find a bit of news from her aunt, JULIA, writing from Atlanta, GA, to JULIA CLELAND: 4,3

"I was so sorry to hear that Madeline had mumps"

From Haledon, NJ, in her letter of 3 May 1886, to her sister, JULIA, in Atlanta, Maggie writes of little Madeline: 4 1

"Madeline is brown as a berry - and fat - broad as she is long I wish you could see her pushing behind the "'spress wagon", Howard pulling and running fast - she wearing Howards last summer's hat - (old brown straw sailor) H. with Dora's brown straw - and such noisy youngsters you never heard. They are all three out about all day till five oclock" 5 6

Maggie, writing from "Leonhardville" on 31 December 1886 to her sister, JULIA, in Atlanta, listed the Christmas presents received by each one in her family. Madeline's share was as follows: 1 4

"---- and Madeline had new shoes, mittens, Jumping Jack, hdkf. from Santa Claus, book from Grandma M. and a lovely doll & woolen Stockings from Grandma L. ---- Mattie is delighted with her beautiful card" 3

Madeline has a new little brother, Albert, when we receive our next news from her mother's letter of 29 April 1887, again to JULIA in Atlanta. The occasion referred to was Dora's first day at school: 7 1 4,6

"Mattie & I went down to the road with D. the first day and waited till she turned the corner ---- at the time school was out I took Margie & Mattie & we went down to the road to meet her." 6 8

On 9 May 1887, in Maggie's next letter to JULIA, Mattie is mentioned again but with little news: 1,4

"I never noticed the contrast between the black trunks of the trees in the woods with the tiny fresh foliage so greatly as I

did this morning - as we came back from our walk with Dora Mattie H M & I." 6 5,8

JULIA CLELAND was visiting with her three sons in the midwest when she received a letter dated 23 June 1890, from Maggie, writing from Squaw Brook, North Haledon, NJ, giving us a bit of news of Mattie: 3 1

"The children are interested about the lambs & sheep and Mattie says she'd like to see them, but we are not big enough to go out West, " and adds - "but ask Grandma if she wont please some day, to take us out West with her, when she goes." 3

A letter followed from Dora on 26 June 1890 with a little more news of her sister, Mattie: 6

"Mamma took Mattie to Paterson one day this week and got her a new white hat." 1

Mattie's aunt JULIA, now back at Squaw Brook, in her letter to JULIA CLELAND dated 20 July 1890, referred briefly to Mattie but only to say that she had gone to bed. 4 3

On 20 August 1890, JULIA wrote again to her mother and included news of the children at Squaw Brook: 4 3

"Dora, Mattie and Margie went this morning to see their Aunt Fannie and to spend a couple of nights and days. Theo. stopped at Grandpas tonight to see how they got along and if either was homesick but he says they are having a fine time, poor little Albert misses them so. ---- Wednesday we did the day by going out riding Fan, Margie, Albert, Winnie and I went down with Theo. in the morning, and Maggie, Fan, Dora, Mattie and Willie went for him at night." 6,8 2 7 8,7 11,4 1,6 12

The next news we find in a letter to JULIA CLELAND from Meta Cleland Woods dated 21 January. The year was not recorded but appears to be 1892: 3 9

"You did not say what had been the trouble with Dora and Madeline but I presumed it must have been the "grip" as I think they had Whooping cough some years ago." 6

On 1 March 1913, along with nine others, Madeline signed a page in the autograph album of JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE which is reproduced on the following page. Although there is no indication of the reason for the group being together, the date suggests that the occasion was a shower for NATHALIA ELIZABETH BENZ, who married Mattie's cousin, WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD, on 25 June 1913. 4 13 11

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Emma Helen Benz
Madeline Leonhard.
Maude Mac D. Post.
Julia P. Maynard 4
Squaw Brook Mar. 1st 1913

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Margaret was born the day before Maggie's letter, of 26 August 1885, to her mother: - 1 2

"Baby was pretty good all day. Slept most all the time. Has had some gin & catnip & takes to it well ---- Theo slept down here & baby only woke once after ten o'clock, & so we all had a first-rate night. ---- JULIA is warming the babie's nose & toes by the fire." 3 4

On 3 May 1886, Maggie wrote from Haledon, NJ, to her sister, JULIA, in Atlanta, GA: 1,4

"If you could see Margie I am sure you would think her the dearest baby you ever saw - so pleasant & full of fun with such a winning way with her. No teeth yet -- but I guess she will soon have some."

On 31 December 1886, Maggie closed the year with a long letter to her sister, JULIA, in Atlanta, giving us news of Margaret's Christmas: 1 4

"---- I will send up the street for Mamma when we send or go for the baby, for Margie is still with her Grandma although we came down day before yesterday - Yes we are all moved, - barring the cow - & the baby. ---- "Children had a lot of nice things in their stockings in the Kitchen ---- Baby Margie had a rubber doll arms & legs to come out & put in, turn around etc with woolen stockings from Grandma L. a fancy doll from Grandma M & a tin plate, fine new shoes, a bell on wheels etc from Santa Claus." 2 2

The next news begins with a reference to the meeting with Dora on her way home after her first day at school. Maggie describes the event in her letter to her sister, JULIA, in Atlanta, on 29 April 1887: 5 1 4

"At the time school was out I took Margie & Mattie & we went down to the road to meet her. Yesterday was too rainy for her to go - but today we went down with her, ---- picking yellow lilies in the woods - on the way. ---- 6

Oh! if you only were at Sq. Bk - you should have Margie or one of the children all the time, and I am sure, if you ever tho't Margie nice, you would think that now she was more cunning laughable and amusing than ever. - but I don't want to let her go to Sq. Bk. unless you were there to stay any time, for it is too much care for Mamma with her one pair of hands, to take care of such a young child ---- Margie is not entirely an angel - of that you may be sure, she can stamp & kick & scratch & scream just as much as any child. Yesterday she had my scissors and a piece of cloth and I said What are you doing - Margie? "Cuttin' dat." What are you making - "Pants a Howard." So you can see how she is getting on. ---- Margie does look like you."

On 9 May 1887, Maggie writes the next bit of news to her sister, 1

JULIA, in Atlanta: 4

"I never noticed the contrast between the black trunks of the trees in the woods with the tiny fresh foliage so greatly as I did this morning as we came back from our walk with Dora, Mattie, H, M, & I. ---- We are all well except colds. Dora and Margie cough badly." 5,6 7,5

While JULIA CLELAND was visiting with her three sons in the mid-west, Dora wrote to her, on 26 June 1890, and included some news of Margaret: 2 5

"Margie says that the plants are growing nicely, there are sprouts on both."

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The last news we have comes from Meta Cleland Woods in her letter, dated 21 January 1892, to JULIA CLELAND: 10 2

"I can not get poor little Margie out of my mind at all. How long has she been coughing?"

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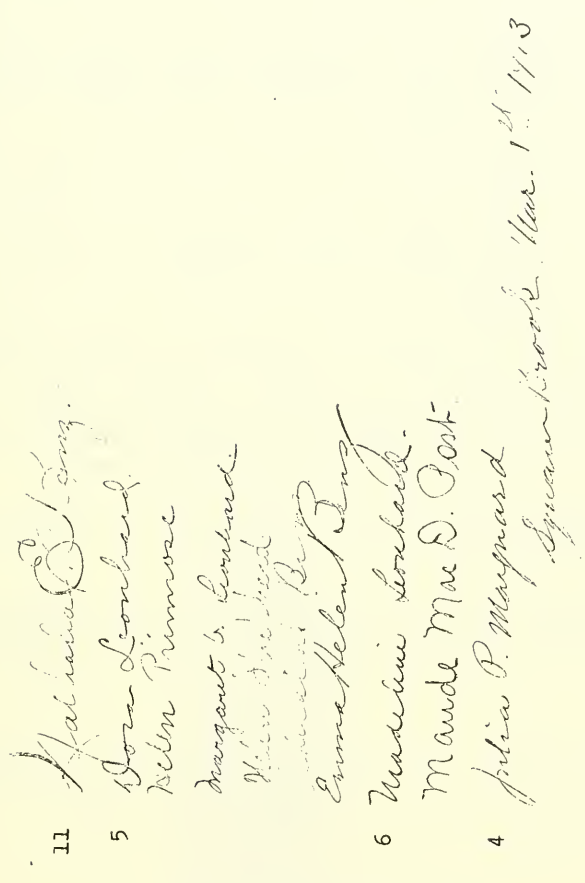

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Albert Theodor Leonhard 5;4-2(4),3(1),2(5) Annie Maclagan

JULIA CLELAND provides the first word of the expected arrival of Albert in her letter to her daughter, JULIA, in Atlanta, GA, of 13 February 1887: 1 2

> "Maggie is sailing round yet, though I do not know what day or hour, the summons may come for her party. While I was so ill, I was greatly exercised lest I should be called for and would not be able to go." 3

On 29 April 1887, Maggie writes, from "Leonhardville", of her little son to her sister, JULIA, in Atlanta: 3 2

> "Baby objects to my sewing with him on my lap so while he is nursing, I will begin this letter to you."

and again on 9 May 1887:

> "I put on my striped dress you fixed the waist for last summer. it was too warm to wear a thicker one, and I am very stout, and the baby is such a hot little bundle heavy too that I feel the heat. How lovely so sweet, how I wish you could see him now this minute - as he is asleep "Albert Theodore" will probably be his name - "Not much like Clifford" you will say."

JULIA CLELAND was visiting with her sons in the midwest when her daughter, Maggie, wrote to her, from Squaw Brook Farm, on 23 June 1890, with news at home: 1 3

> "Wynnie jumps off the bottom step of the stoop, trying to imitate Albert who jumps off the third step - and when Albert climbs up in the Syringa bush Wynnie tries to do the same." 4

Dora's letter to her grandmother followed on 26 June 1890, from Squaw Brook: 5,1

> "Albert said when he was going to bed one night "if Grandma hadn't of went away I could kiss her too, because I'm Grandma's boy" and he said to put in the letter "tell Grandma I love her." 1

JULIA writes the next news from home to her mother, on 20 August 1890: 2,1

> "Dora, Mattie and Margie went this morning to see their Aunt Fannie and to spend a couple of nights and days. ---- poor little Albert misses them so ---- Wednesday we did the day by going out riding Fan, Margie, Albert, Winnie and I went down with Theo. in the morning ----" 5,6,7 7,4

A bit of news is included in the letter, dated 13 March 1893 from JULIA CLELAND, writing from New York City, to her daughter, JULIA: 1,2

> "I am glad Albert had such a nice birthday celebration"

On 7 February 1894, we read our next news of Albert in the letter, from JULIA to her mother, who was visiting relatives in New York City: 2,1

"I wish you could see WYN & Willie each on his own sleigh start from the very top of the side road hill ---- stearing their sleigh as well as Albert & the rest." 4,6

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5;4-2(4),3(1),2(5)
Albert Theodore Leonhard
b. 1887

m. 27 Sep 1910 St. John's Church,
age 23 Passaic, NJ
d.
age

MESSERVE 5
4-2(4),3(1),2(5)

Mr. and Mrs. George Maclagan
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Annie
to
Mr. Albert Theodor Leonhard
on the evening of Tuesday, the twenty-seventh of September
nineteen hundred and ten
at quarter before eight o'clock
St. John's Church
Passaic, New Jersey

Albert T. Leonhard

Annie Leonhard

5;4-2(4),3(1),2(6)
William Cleland Leonhard
b. 1890

m.
age

d.
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William C. Leonhard
Helen Leonhard

William Cleland Leonhard 5;4-2(4),3(1),2(6) Helen Edwards

Our first news of William comes from Maggie's letter, dated 23 June 1890, to her mother, JULIA CLELAND, who was visiting her sons in the midwest: 1 2

"My dear little Sunbeam with his answering smile - is just as happy as ever - has two lower teeth."

JULIA heared the next news from home from her daughter, JULIA, who wrote on 20 August 1890: 2,3

"Wednesday we did the day by going out riding Fan, Margie, Albert, Winnie and I went down with Theo. in the morning and Maggie, Fan, Dora, Mattie and Willie went for him at night." 4 5,6,7 1,8,9

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"I wish you could see WYN & Willie each on his own sleigh start from the very top of the side road hill and never stop till they are over the bridge steering their sleigh as well as Albert & the rest. The hill is just grand for coasting." 6 5

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Edward Dorwart Leonhard 5;4-2(4),3(1),2(7) Ethel Smith

Mr. and Mrs. William Adrian Smith
request the honour of your
presence at the marriage of their daughter
Ethel
to
Mr. Edgar Dorwart Leonhard
on Tuesday, the twenty fourth of April
at eight o'clock in the evening
at the First Methodist Episcopal Church
Passaic, New Jersey

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Mr and Mrs William Adrian Smith
request the pleasure of
Mrs Julia P Maynard
company on Tuesday, the twenty fourth of April
at half after eight o'clock
at Two hundred and fifty-eight Lafayette Avenue

Will be at home
after the fifteenth of June
at Eighty-one Ascension Road
Passaic, New Jersey

Reception
after the ceremony
109 Lafayette Avenue

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    age 31 d. age	Anna Belle Cartter (2) b.13 Oct 1862 OH m.23 Nov 1887 Kansas City, MO age 25 d. age

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Mrs.Haynes
Maternal Grandmother

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John Edwin Messerve wrote from Wichita, KS, on 11 March 1885, to his mother, JULIA CLELAND, at Squaw Brook Farm, North Haledon, NJ, that his young wife, Mattie Haynes, had died that morning at 1.40 but that: 1 2 3

"at 2.30 P.M. yesterday a girl baby was born to us, but Mattie did not know anything after 1 o'clock P.M."

On 2 April 1885, John writes of Mary in his next letter to his mother. Mattie's mother is staying on with John to take care of the baby: 1 2,3

"little Mary is growing nicely and is as little trouble as a small baby can be. We are feeding it a Swiss Infants food and it agrees with it better than the cows milk."

In successive letters to his mother, the first on 9 April 1885, John attempts a description of Mary: 2 1

"The baby is doing well and while it is not very large it seems healthy & well. She has blue eyes - large pupil: has head shaped like mine and just as bumpy; fair skin & hair like mine - dont think it will be white nor black."

On 16 April 1885, he writes again: 1

"The baby has had more colic for a week past than ever before, but I think she will get over that: she seems strong and very hearty; nurses too much perhaps."

and another on 23 April 1885:

"Mary gets along well; we give her cows milk from Ed's new cow and think she does better than with "Infants food." 4

Cora, whom John refers to in his letter of 7 May 1885, is Mattie's sister: 3

"We moved to the new house last Thurs. - 30th ---- Cora's children have had the measles, and Mary may have it soon."

On 13 May 1885, he says:

"Mary is getting fat, and except for colic occasionally is well; begins to notice things now and coos a little."

Our report from John on 4 June 1885 is short: 1

"Mary getting along well"

John fails to mention his daughter in his letter of 9 July but refers to her on 16 July 1885:

"Mary is broken out with heat and is not as lively as she was: The heat seems to melt her down, and she appears languid."

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4-2(4),3(2),2(1)

On 27 August 1885, John writes in length about Mary: 1

"Mary keeps well and tries to use her hands in playing with papers & seems to enjoy a newspaper as well as anything - gets excited over the noise it makes when she pounds it, and when she brings her hands together at arms length and the paper all crumpled up between: likes to have me whistle to her about as well as singing. One peculiarity I think I never spoke of - she always puts her open hands over her eyes, or one over her eyes & the other on her head or forehead, when she goes to sleep: will go to sleep in the hammock in one fourth the time she will on one's lap. she communicates her wishes by signs - while on ones lap or in her chair, if she is sleepy she will rub her head with her open hand or hands, & place her hands over her eyes, and fret & seem restless, & when laid in her hammock will turn her head only to the left and cover her eyes, and nurse her bottle & is asleep in a few minutes. When awake and has laid a long in the hammock and is tired of lying on her back she will jabber and squeel to attract attention and perhaps keep it up for half an hour before crying: When you go to her, she will change her tune to a coaxing one, and raise herself on her feet and back of head by a quick push or kick, and flop down again, repeating the process several times. Her sleep is usually uninterupted from bedtime until 4 in the morning when she wakes and wants a new supply of milk. which she makes known by scoulding and jabbering and short squeels."

We hear again from John on 9 October 1885: 1

"I will send you one of Mary's photos - a cabinet, tomorrow. ---- Mary is well and as jolly as can be - knows me when I come in, and likes to have me play with her. It seems bad that Mattie can not be here to enjoy her. she will be seven months old tomorrow."

John left home for a week's trip as far as Kansas City, MO, and wrote upon his return on 29 October 1885: 1

"I found all well at home Mary had not forgotten me."

On 4 November 1885, John provides us with the usual statistics: 1

"Mary is growing fast, not very tall but stout - weighs 20 lbs at 7½ mos old: ---- Mary likes to romp and is good most of the time, contents herself by jabbering while lying down; awakes early in the morning when we do, - 5 or 6 o'clock, and lies awake, by herself, until after breakfast."

The next news from John is written on 3 December 1885: 1

"Mary has had a sore mouth, tongue, and chin, numerous festers breaking out, but now commencing to heal up; has lasted a week or more; the Dr, says the cause is the richness of the milk given her; we have not diluted the milk at all for the last few months, and as Ed feeds his cow well, the milk is too rich. Mary cryed 4
a good deal from the soreness, and hunger, - her tongue was swollen so that she could not nurse the bottle without torture - but when not in pain she seemed patient and quiet: now she is beginning to play, tries to jabber, only cries when she does some-

thing to hurt the sore places: expect her to be a little spoiled by the time she gets well, but I dont think it will be hard to "un-spoil"her"

Our first news of Mary for the new year is in John's letter of 17 February 1886: 1

"Mary is thriving well; wants to be on her feet all the time and jabbers a good deal"

According to John's letter of 25 February 1886, Mrs. Haynes has moved into a house of her own and has taken Mary with her: 1

"Mrs Haynes moved last Friday ---- Mary is well, and busy all the time; seems to grow older, faster than when I saw her oftener; I see her a few minutes morning and evening."

John follows the same pattern as he explains Mary's progress in his letter of 4 March 1886: 1

"I stopped in at Mrs Haynes once or twice a day and find them getting along alright, Mary is an energetic little thing; wants to walk, and has taken two or three steps alone."

We have more news of Mary in John's letter dated 8 April 1886: 1

"Mary has had a bad cold and cough - is better now but not well"

Mary is to be taken on her first journey according to her father's letter of 16 June 1886. Myrtle, to whom John refers, is Mattie's younger sister: 1 3

"The latest news we have to communicate is that Allie and Elsie - also Mrs Haynes, Myrtle, and Mary - will start for Missouri in a week or two to stay about two months." 5,6

Our news from John's letter of 31 July 1886 is second-hand: "Un." is Unionville, MO, Mattie's home: 1 3

"I heard from Un. today that Mary is well - and had two more teeth - 6 or 8 in all, now."

On 14 December 1886, John's brother Edgar added some news of Mary in his letter to their mother: 1,4 2

"Mary has been troubled with sores on her face for quite a while, but is almost entirely recovered from them, seems to feel well, she looks and acts very much as Elsie did at her age." 6

We do not hear anything of Mary until John, now living in Emporia, KS, writes to his mother on 15 April 1887. Mary is still living with Mrs. Haynes and Myrtle in Wichita. 1 2

"Myrtle writes this week that Mary is well"

On 1 June 1887, John wrote of his visit to Wichita to see his daughter: 1

"Mary knew me immediately and tried all kinds of ways to show how pleased she was: She says a good many words now, and understands all that is said to her. I stayed at Ed's on Sat. night and at Mrs Haynes on Sunday night:" 4

A bit more news is reported by John on 18 August 1887: 1

"Mary is well and growing fast", is the last word I recd - this morning from Myrtle."

Edgar provides us with some amusing news of Mary in his letter from Wichita on 8 October 1887 to his mother: 4 2

"Mary is well, and persists now in calling me papa, she says I am uncle Ed. but I am papa too. she is growing very fast and looks more like John all the time." 4 1

and John follows with plans for Mary in his letter to his mother of 13 October 1887 from Emporia announcing his intention to marry Anna Belle Cartter: 1,2 7

"Mrs. Haynes and family received my announcement very well and were pleased with my prospects: ---- During our visit in Wichita we will divide our time between Mrs Haynes' house and Ed's, Mary will stay with Mrs. Haynes this winter anyway, by her request." 4

In his first letter after his wedding, John wrote from Emporia on 15 December 1887: 1

"Late word from Wichita states that all are well - Mary having been sick with cold, and fever,"

Plans for Mary to join her father and step-mother are revealed in John's letter of 26 April 1888: 1,7 1

"I rec'd a letter from Myrtle Haynes the other day in reply to one I wrote about Mary's coming. They are busy with their dressmaking, but by the middle of May Myrtle will be ready to bring her, and we will have arrangements made fully for her reception."

Anna Belle adds her comment in her letter to JULIA CLELAND on 30 April 1888: 7,2

"If nothing happens by this time and next month Mary will be with us - & I do hope she may be contented & happy in her new home."

John tells us on 24 August 1888 of Anna Belle's plans to take Mary to meet the Cartter family in Kansas City, MO: 1,7

"Mrs Cartter is anxious to see Mary. Anna Belle has been pretty busy lately with Mary's clothes ---- and will be ready to go home about the middle of Sept. ---- Mary keeps well and is con- 7

tent without other children to play with: goes over to Auntie Biddley's prett often: the other evening we walked over to see Mr L. Severy ---- and then over to Mrs Bennett's, Mary trotting along in front of us. I asked her just now what I should tell her grandmother Messerve' for her, and she said, "tell her to come and see me", "and that I am a naughty girl sometimes": she said "tell my cousins that I am going to see them some other day" - I asked her how she would get there, and she said, "I am going to get there walking" She wants to know if they can "hear her talk": She keeps up a great amount of talking all day when she is well, so if she is quiet at any time we know that she is not well. We have been using Humphreys Specific's for slight disorders with Mary and they act well." 2

According to John's letter of 20 September 1888, Mary is enjoying meeting her new "relatives": 1

"I hear from Anna Belle frequently: they are enjoying their visit very much; Mary makes acquaintances quickly and is well entertained there with the "Aunties" and "Grandmas" and "Grandpas". 7

Mary is still in Kansas City when John writes again to his mother on 27 September 1888. Cora is another of Mattie's sisters: 1,2 3

"Anna Belle writes that they are seeing all the sights, and visiting with her friends, and enjoying it of course very much: Mary is "at home" and is considerably noticed I think: ---- I dont expect them back home for two weeks yet ---- Cora & Logan Little & family have moved to K.C. to live ---- Anna Belle and Mary will go to see them while there. 7

I hear occasionally from Mrs Haynes: she and Myrtle live in part of a house on Main St. ---- (Wichita) ---- they miss Mary very much;"

Christmas preparations are in progress when we next hear of Mary in John's letter of 20 December 1888:

"We received today from K.C. - a doll-buggy (18 in long), a swinging doll-cradle, about same size, and a small, cane-seated & back, rocking chair, for Mary's Christmas, from Mrs Cartter ---. and we have them in the cellar ready for Santa Claus. Anna Belle has been making for Mary a "rag doll" - made of muslin and stuffed with cotton, painted face and hands, jointed knees etc; wears a No 2 infants shoe, so you may know there is considerable work on the clothes as well as the body. Mary has broken two good sized dolls while she has been here, and we are quite sure that this doll will live to be a great grandmother -" 7

On 22 March 1889, John tells us that Anna Belle and Mary are again visiting in Kansas City, MO: 1,7

"Anna Belle and Mary went to Kan - City yesterday on the noon train, and will visit with the folks for three weeks or so:"

Anna Belle provides a bit of news of Mary in her letter of 29 7

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April 1889 from Emporia to John's mother: 1,2

"In the afternoon we (Jno. Mary & I - I mean when I say we) went over to Mrs. Bennetts to make a call for you know Mary and I have been to K.C. on a visit and Mrs Bennett is my Mother's school-mate so we went over to tell her about our visit. We were home three weeks and of course had a nice time. ----

Mary is growing quite fast and keeps well she enjoys her dolls and buggy now since she can go outdoors with them."

John mentions Mary in his letter of 30 June 1889: 1

"We have all been well this Season, and Mary gets along alright, is well, and busy all the time; sometimes good, and sometimes about as bothersome as any other children."

The next news of Mary is in John's letter from Emporia of 28 July 1889: 1

"Mrs Haynes came last Thursday from Wichita and is now at John Haynes' house, taking care of Jno's Wife who is sick: Mary went over there this morning for a visit, and will be back sometime this afternoon."

Mary's next trip away from home is to Wichita with her grandmother Haynes as stated by John on 6 October 1889: 1

"Mrs Haynes was here all last week and on Sat. left for Wichita and took Mary with her: next week John Haynes will go to Norwich, K's to attend his sisters wedding, and in coming home last of the week will stop in Wichita and bring Mary home with him."

Mary's return home was reported by her father in his letter of 20 October 1889: 1

"Mary did not come home Sunday night last, but came Monday night instead; had some cold, but is better now: she had a good time of course. and frequently speaks of those she saw and of places where she went. Mary asked me just now if I was going to write to you and when I told her I was, said, "tell her I am making a quilt"

About a month later, Mary had another trip, this time with her parents as John reports on 1 December 1889: 1,7

"On Wednesday night it was very cold, and when we arose Thursday morning early to get ready to go to Reading, we found the weather very cold ---- I came home on Thurs. night train, and Anna Belle and Mary came Friday afternoon." 1 7

We start the new year with a letter from Anna Belle to JULIA CLELAND on 1 January 1890: 7,2

"Well now the holidays are nearly over. I will have to sit down and work begin for spring sewing for a little one requires many changes in summer time but oh Mary grows so fast it will not

be long until we can call her nothing but a big girl now ----

Mary keeps well and seems very happy is out playing in the yard now. ----

P.S. Did Jno tell you that among our Xmas presents that I rec'd a pair of black silk hose from Paris and Mary a stran of beads turquoise I guess from Venice a friend of mine has been over there and brought them to us -" 1

John wrote next of Mary on 9 February 1890:

"Mary has about learned all her letters, finishing them during the past week, and is now making letters on her slate: she counts as far as seven, and knows something of the routine of the days of the week. Anna Belle said some time ago that she wanted her to know her letters at least, by the time she becomes five years old, and she will succeed."

We have no more news of Mary until 21 December 1890 when John informs us in his letter to his mother dated 21 December 1890 that Mary will be visiting again in Kansas City, MO: 1 2

"Anna Belle will probably go home on Friday after Christmas and stay 'til Jan 5th, ---- she will take Mary" 7

More details of the trip are written in John's letter of 28 December 1890: 1

"Mary made one of the pictures with her "Sliced Objects", with only being told what to do with the strips: and the paints and brush pleased her very much. ---- Anna Belle ---- with Mary, finally got off at 10.45 P.M.: I rec'd word from her yesterday that they got home at 6.15 A.M. Fri." 7

and a report of their return in his letter of 11 January 1891:

"Anna Belle and Mary came home on Monday night at 10 via Ottawa Branch; I met them at the depot. ---- Mary has only seven dolls now." 7

Apparently the term "baby-sitter" had not been thought of when John wrote on 1 February 1891, but the function existed: 1

"Cle came up to keep house for us and stay with Mary." 8

Except for a brief reference by John on 15 February 1891:

"To day, Cle, Mary, Anna Belle & I took a long walk in the south part of town," 8,7,1

we hear nothing of Mary until Anna Belle writes to JULIA CLELAND on 2 August 1891: 7,2

"made Mary a little silk (out of old) and one new gingham & let down nearly all of her last summers ---- Mary is going to Sunday School regularly now and enjoys it very much and is very anxious for every day school to begin. She is growing quite

fast and is a good deal of help to me.----

Mary has a black hat trimmed in daisies & white ribbon ----

Jno. Mary & I took a walk this afternoon across the country -- - now Mary is preparing for bed. She is sleeping on the folding lounge in the N.W. corner of the dining room - oh my if we only had two bed rooms how glad I would be." 1,7

On 20 September 1891, John reports that Mary and Anna Belle are in Kansas City for another visit: 1,7

"Anna Belle and Mary got off last Tuesday noon and reached K.C. safely ---- Mrs Haynes is in K.C. at Cora's and Mary will visit them some, and may go to Ft Scott where Myrtle is." 7

Their plans to return are mentioned in John's letter of 11 October 1891: 1

"I expect Anna Belle & Mary will return by the middle of the week" 7

Anna Belle sees her wish come true according to her report on the building of the second bedroom in her letter to John's mother dated 10 July 1892: 7 2

"will ---- move the bed room set we have ---- in the new room (or Mary's room I guess - oh how we will enjoy another room and I know Mary will.

Zell grows like a weed and keeps so well it seems a shame they live so far from us for she enjoys playing with Mary so much but does not see her oftener than once every two weeks." 9

Another trip for Mary is announced by John on 17 July 1892. Minnie is another of Mattie's sisters. Evalina is Minnie's baby: 3

"Minnie, Evalina, and Mary went to K.C. last Thurs. Mary will visit Mrs Haynes & Myrtle at Ft Scott, when they can send for her, and will also visit Cora in K.C.: Anna Belle will go home after we get the building well under way ---- which is partly the reason that Mary went on ahead." 7

On 31 July 1892 and 7 August 1892 respectively, John reports on Mary's visits: 1

"Mary is in Ft. Scott now, I suppose, fore we heard from K.C. that they intended to send for her last week."

"Mary and Myrtle wrote to us this week, and report having a grand time. Mary will probably remain in Ft Scott another week:"

Our first letter in Mary's hand is written to her grandmother, JULIA CLELAND, from Emporia, on 27 December 1892: 2

"Dear grandma.

I thought yow would like to know what I got for christmas I got a book a tea-pot a game of the golden Egg. a box of perfume and the christmas card you gave me a gold ring a white

apron two night dresses etc How is cousin Madelene and Winnie Dora? Mamma and papa got a number of presents We are going to have one week vacation, with love to all.

From Mary Messerve."

Emporia Kans
Dec 27-1892.

Dear grandma.
I thought you would like to know what I got for christmas I got a book a tea-pot a game of the golden egg.

We hear nothing more about the "one week vacation", and no more news of Mary until we read the first of three letters from Anna Belle to JULIA CLELAND dated 9 April 1893:

"I am so anxious that Johnnie should go home this summer and take Mary.

You would hardly know her she is growing so I have been quite busy making her muslin underware and have 4 new gingham dresses done for her & am having made one nice blue dress for Sunday to be worn with a white gimpe.----

Mary sends a kiss to all and is getting along nicely at school."

and the third dated 30 April 1893:

"Mary went to Sunday School this A.M. now she is sitting reading she also goes to school and gets along nicely school closes May 26th."

Only six days later, on 6 May 1893, John writes:

"Today will be my last day at the bank for a week or more for

Mary has the Scarlet fever & we are ordered to keep away from other people."

but by 28 May 1893, he writes that Mary is well enough for them to plan for another trip to Kansas City:

"Mary is well, and has not taken cold yet: the school term is over, so she will not attend until in the fall. We are expecting Mother Cartter this week to make a visit with us; after which Anna B and Mary will go to K.C. to spend their "vacation."

Sometime late in 1893 or early 1894, Mary moved with her parents to Los Angeles, CA. The first reference to Mary after this event comes from the letter dated 17 April 1894, written from Emporia, KS, by Elsie West, to JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE: 10,11

"Major Hood and family have just returned from a trip to California. They saw John and Anna Belle Major said Anna Belle was looking better than he ever saw her and that Mary was growing fast to be a great big girl." 1,7

We do not know how long Mary lived in Los Angeles. I recall from discussions with JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE that John died in that city before 1900. If this is true, it is likely that Anna Belle returned to her home in Kansas City, Mo, with Mary. 12 11,1 7

Mary was in Kansas City when I visited with her and her husband and daughter, Lenita, at their home sometime, I believe, in the late Spring of 1936. 13

The only other news we have of Mary we learn from a photograph taken in Madison, CT, recording her visit with her aunt, Margaret Cleland Messerve, sometime before her aunt's death in 1932. 17

1	John Edwin Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2)	father
2	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	paternal grand mother
3	Mattie Haynes (1)	W5;4-2(4),3(2)	mother
4	Edgar Barron Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(4)	paternal uncle
5	Allie	W5;4-2(4),3(4)	uncle Edgar's wife
6	Elsie Barron Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(4),2(1)	cousin
7	Anna Belle Cartter (2)	W5;4-2(4),3(2)	step-mother
8	Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5)	paternal uncle
9	Zell Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5),2(1)	cousin
10	Elsie West	W5;4-2(4),3(5)	uncle Cleland's wife
11	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	paternal aunt
12	WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD	1;1-1(1)	1st cousin once removed
13	Lenita Verle Vance	5;4-2(4),3(2),2(1),1(1)	daughter
14	Madeline Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(3)	cousin
15	WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;2-2(1)	cousin
16	Dora Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(1)	cousin
17	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	paternal aunt

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Elsie Barron Messerve
b.27 May 1882

d. [illegible]
age

Elsie Barron Messerve 5;4-2(4),3(4),2(1)

Elsie, the only child of Allie and Edgar Barron Messerve, was born on 27 May 1882, presumably in Mendota, MO. 6,3

The first reference we have to Elsie comes from her uncle John's letter of 27 July 1882 from Milan, MO, to his mother: 1 2

> "Elsie looks like Ed and JULIA did at her age and looks something like Maggie's picture when she was little: She is as good as a little baby can be, is hardly old enough to notice things much, but will soon." 3,4 5

Ed and Allie were in the process of moving from Mendota to Milan when we next hear about Elsie, again from John in his letter of 5 October 1882, from Milan to his mother, but it can hardly be called "news": 3,6 1 2

> "Elsie is very good and sweet: looks like Ed, Maggie & JULIA" 3,5,4

It is not until 20 July 1883 that we hear of Elsie from either of her parents; this in Edgar's letter, from Milan, to his mother: 3,2

> "Allie & Elsie are getting along nicely, Elsie walks now, can get up on her feet herself, and walks any where, sometimes slips out doors and travels around the yard - by self -" 6

Edgar wrote again, from Milan, to his mother, on 5 September 1883: 3,2

> "We are all well, Elsie growing as fast as ever, has got most all of her teeth, and has had no trouble with them."

and again on 23 January 1884, still from Milan:

> "we are all well at present, Elsie caught quite a severe cold a few days ago - but is about over it now -"

Nearly six months later, Edgar writes again about his daughter in his letter to his mother of 6 June 1884: 3 2

> "We are all well here - Elsie has bloomed out into a "two - year - old" since I wrote you before - (her birthday is May 27th) she is doing just as well as a child could possibly do, not extra large, nor extra fat - but you can add extra, on all the rest of her - with impunity, she is a rosy, rompy, healthy girl full of life and activity, not very badly spoiled, and minds most everything she is told, she plays with everything she can get hold of, and is into all the mischief she can all at once"

On 7 September 1884, still from Milan, Edgar wrote, in his letter to his mother, of his visit with his brother, John, in Wichita, KS, and treats us to a relatively long description of Elsie: 3 2,1

> "Came back home and found every thing about as I left it, Allie and Elsie are both well, I just wish you could see Elsie, she grows so fast, talks so much, talks about Grand Ma "Savey", & Grand Pa "Savey" "aunt Juen", "unker Kee" "unker don" this 6 2,7,4 8,1

is the way she pronounces them, runs all over, and some times comes up to the Store alone, I suppose some folks would call her very badly spoiled, but we try to think that she isnt spoiled very much, She minds reasonably well, comes to the table at meal time, eats her meals and gets down from the table with out making a fuss about it, and at bed time goes to bed, and thats the last we hear of her until morning again, doesnt cry very much and when she does, has some cause, and then she makes a good job of it, makes every body hear, near & far,

Well; I guess this is about enough about one baby, at one time,"

Nearly three years pass before we hear again about Elsie; this in Edgar's letter from Wichita, KS, to his mother, dated 5 July 1887: 3,2

"Allie & Elsie left here Thurs June 16th going home to her mothers at Greencastle (MO) to stay a while, expecting to return about July 15th to Aug 1st," 6

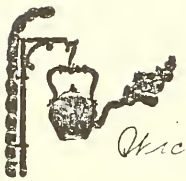
Our news closes with two notes directly from Elsie written from Wichita to her grandmother, JULIA CLELAND, dated 31 December 1891 and 17 January 1892 respectively: 2

"Dear Grandma: 2

We got the package from you all, I could hardly let the Old Maids alone, I wanted to play with them all the time. mamma and papa played with me, and I told Mamma I was going to put the box of writing paper away, and keep it, but mamma wanted me to write just one letter to you on it, and she told me you would put the letter away and keep it. The gossamer cloak was a little bit too long for me, but it will be all right for me next winter. I have got one that I already had, that I can wear this winter. the home primer that you sent me, will help me along lots, in my drawing at school. what did Dora get for Christmas? I got the lovelyiest doll you ever saw, and mamma gave me a rope basket made by her self, lined with pink satin, and I got a book of Mayflower and Mistletoe, then I got a solid gold bracelet, with a red birds head head on it the birds eye a ruby, and then the package that you sent me. with love to all wishing you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - From your loving grandaughter" 6 3 9

"I wrote a letter to you on the new paper but I did not get to send it. It was over two weeks ago when I wrote it I will write an other and send with it. It is snowing here now. I am taking music lessons of Mrs Hays, I have to go up to the Sedgewick block she is in the fourth floor. I take one lesson a week on Saturday and a recital every two weeks on Monday. I am in the third reader I am getting along very nicely what reader is Dora in. Mamma made two baskets and a table out of rope. Mamma has seventy plants. I will close now and send love to all." 9,6

Forty four years later, in the late Spring of 1936, I believe I met Elsie during my brief visit with her parents in Wichita but my recollection is vague. 10



Wichita Kansas
Jan 17 1892

Dear Grandma:

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1	John Edwin Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2)	paternal uncle
2	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	paternal grandmother
3	Edgar Barron Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(4)	father
4	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	paternal aunt
5	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	paternal aunt
6	Allie	W5;4-2(4),3(4)	mother
7	JOHN JACOB MESSERVE	5;4-2(4)	paternal grandfather
8	Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5)	paternal uncle
9	Dora Leonhard	5;4-2(4),3(1),2(1)	cousin
10	WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD	1,1-1(1)	1st cousin once removed

Josie B. Messerve

5;4-2(4) 17	10;4-1(6) 18
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2(1) Zell Messerve b. Mar 1889 d. age	
2(2) Helen Messerve b. 7 Mar 1892 Emporia, KS m. age d. age	Gale b. age d. age
2(3) Theodore Cleland Messerve b. 7 Sep 1901 d. age	

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5;4-2(4),3(5),2(1)
Zell Messerve.
b. Mar 1889

m.
age.
d.
age

Zell Messerve 5;4-2(4),3(5),2(1)

Our first news of Zell's birth comes from Anna Belle Cartter in her letter of 29 April 1889, from Emporia, KS, to her mother-in-law, JULIA CLELAND: 1 2

"I was very much surprised to hear of the new arrival at Cle's but glad all is well the last we heard from them was that Elsie was going home - nothing later." 3 4

It is not until 21 December 1889, in the letter written from Minburn, IA, from Elsie to JULIA CLELAND, do we receive direct news about Zell: 4,2

"Baby and I are alone tonight so I am going to employ my time writing to you and my sister. Outside the elements are wild. inside all is still Baby is peeping at Mamma while she writes. How I wish you could see our baby - I do not think it is just because she is my baby that I think her so nice. She is certainly a very sweet child. She is still just as good natured, does not like strangers. She has no teeth nor any signs of any, knows nothing about being down,on floor is quite strong and can stand on her feet.

After holidays I am going to teach her to eat drink and to help her self more. She stays in her buggy. rocks herself when she is tired, is quite a mimic, does lots of cunning things

The pictures we send are very good. I had them taken in her buggy because I thought she would be more natural. She had one little hand each side of buggy and was just in the act of rocking herself when the picture was taken. Cle decided yesterday to call her Zell. She has been called baby so long it will be hard to change ----"

On 23 December 1889, Cle adds his news of Zell in his letter to his mother: 3 2

"----we send you the Photo. of our daughter "Zell". ----

She was leaning too far forward to make her position perfect but her features and expression are excellent. She is growing homlier every day so I think she never has been before nor ever will be again as pretty as this picture ----"

How wrong could her father be? Just look at the next picture of Zell at three and a half years of age. 3

JULIA CLELAND was visiting with her son, Cleland and his family at Minburn, IA, during her western trip when she received a letter dated 23 June 1890 from her daughter, Maggie, writing from Squaw Brook Farm in North Haledon, NJ: 2,3 5

"My love to Cle & Elsie & a kiss for the baby" 3,4

The next letter to JULIA CLELAND, this on 14 July 1890 from her youngest daughter, JULIA, also writing from Squaw Brook Farm, is a bit more newsworthy: 2 6

age 3 years, 6 months

5;4-2(4),3(5),2(1)
Zell Messerve
b. Mar 1889

m. age

d. age

age 9 months

"I had a nice letter from Elsie Friday the razors got there all safe and "the dress fits to perfection" Elsie said She said you would get her some waists when you came home. I always wanted to get them for (her) but waited till I should know whether Elsie would care for Zell to wear them, now I shall send them right away or is it better to wait till fall." 4

Her mother was still in the West when JULIA wrote again on 10 August 1890: 2,6

"I got the waists for Zell and sent them I wrote to Elsie last night" 4

Cle and his family had moved to Emporia, KS, by the time we get our next news of Zell, this time from her uncle, John, in his letter of 15 March 1891, to his mother, JULIA CLELAND, at Squaw Brook Farm: 3 7 2

"Elsie was sick yesterday and today, and has some symptoms of La Grippe and this afternoon Zell was not very well" 4

A week later, on 22 March 1891, John gives us a bit more news of Zell in his next letter to his mother: 7 2

"Anna Belle took a walk downtown today with her mother and stopped at Cle's to see how they were; found Zell well." 1 3

During the summer, Elsie took Zell to visit with Elsie's parents as we learn from Anna Belle's letter of 2 August 1891 to JULIA CLELAND: 4 1

"Elsie has returned and looks real well and quite fleshy so does Zell. They stopped here this noon on their way home from church" 4

Nearly a year passes by before we hear again from Anna Belle with news of Zell, in her letter of 11 July 1892, from Emporia, to JULIA CLELAND: 1

"Minnie, the children & I took a walk out to Elsie's last week and found her in her usual health she has an awfully good baby the best I ever saw but oh so thin not any larger than (Minnie) Mary's big doll. 4 8

Zell grows like a weed and keeps so well it seems a shame they live so far from us for she enjoys playing with Mary so much but does not see her oftener than once every two weeks" 9

The next bit of news we have of Zell comes from Anna Belle's letter of 9 April 1893 to JULIA CLELAND: 1

"Well Elsie is home with her folks now poor girl I expect she was worn out when she got there with two children & she not at all well." 4 8

The first news we've had from either of Zell's parents in nearly three and a half years comes from Cle's letter, written from Emporia to his mother, on 30 May 1893: 3

"Elsie writes me that the children are doing well----

but it doesn't amount to much. Elsie and the children were away visiting with Elsie's parents. On 9 July 1893, still at Bussy, IA, Elsie gives us some real news of Zell: 4,8

"---- since Cle decided it was far the best to postpone our visit I have been heartsick --- It was so hard to tell Zell - I had tried to make Zell understand all about you all - I have talked of you all to her - She could not understand why it was necessary ----" 3

The previous Sunday, Cle paid a surprise visit to his family at Bussy: 3

"Well Cle only staid until Thursday noon - Zell and I went to Albia with him Uncle Elis met us at the train - we staid all night with them."

The last news we have of Zell we find in Elsie's letter from Emporia, dated 17 April 1894, to her sister-in-law, JULIA: 4 6

"We are so near the church now we enjoy excellent church priveleges for the first - Cle and Zell go to Sunday School every Sunday - then Cle comes for me and we put Helen to bed and go to morning church I do not go any more on Sunday Cle goes at night and I stay with the babies ---- 3 8

I do not have much opportunity to write - one little girl comes to see Zell so much and they take so much of my attention ----

Zell is a tall slender girl is built something like Cle - she has brown eyes and brown curls - I thought her to(o) dark to freckle but she has commenced - Kansas wind and suns are very hard on any complexion - I got Zell a book for her birthday She is very fond of books and loves to be read to tho' she cannot read yet She can spell some - No Zell does not take any Kind of paper or magazine Zell is just about Wyn('s) height I think she measured 41 inches which would make just 3 ft 5 in I expect she is taller than Wyn ---- 3

We think Helen will weigh as much as Zell As soon as I can will take them down and weigh them ---- 8

Zell is taught with objects this year - She Knows all about angles, cubes, squares & etc - They have such a lovely teacher - Wish Wyn could go with her - You know they do not go in afternoon but they have to be there at 8.45. Instead of having recess they take them to the gymnasium they have engines and trains to play with then, they play such lovely plays to music

What number shoes does Wyn wear? Zell wears 8½ on B last ---- Zell does not get many clothes I wish I could get her more - I have only made her one dress this winter a red cashmere, made empire trimmed in white wool braid ----"

1	Anna Belle Cartter (2)	W5;4-2(4),3(2)	uncle John's wife
2	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	paternal grandmother
3	Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5)	father
4	Elsie West	W5;4-2(4),3(5)	mother
5	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	paternal aunt
6	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	paternal aunt
7	John Edwin Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2)	paternal uncle
8	Helen Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5),2(2)	sister
9	Mary Julia Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2),2(1)	cousin
10	WYNFIELD JOHNSON MAYNARD	1;2-2(1)	cousin

age 17 months, 18 days age 4½ years

5;4-2(4),3(5),2(2) Helen Messerve b. 7 Mar 1892 Emporia, KS m. age d. age
5;4-2(4),3(5),2(1) Zell Messerve b. Mar 1889 m. age d. age

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5;4-2(4),3(5),2(2)
Helen Messerve
b. 7 Mar 1892 Emporia, KS

m.
age
d.
age

Helen Messerve 5;4-2(4),3(5),2(2) Gale

Helen, the second child of Cleland Messerve and Elsie Vest, was born in Emporia, KS, on 7 March 1892. 1,2

Our first news of Helen consists of two very brief references, both from letters written by Anna Belle Cartter, from Emporia, to her mother-in-law, JULIA CLELAND; the first on 9 April 1892 and the second om 10 July 1892: 3 4

"Well Elsie is home with her folks now poor girl I expect she was worn out when she got there with two children & she not well at all" 2 5

"Minnie, the children & I took a walk out to Elsie's last week and found her in her usual health she has an awfully good baby the best one I ever saw but oh so thin not any larger than (Minnie) Mary's big doll" 5,2 6

Minnie is Elsie's sister.

We receive our first direct news of Helen from her father in his letter, written from Emporia, on 30 May 1893, to his mother. Elsie and her two children were visiting with her parents in Bussey, IA: 1 4,2 5

"Elsie writes me that the children are doing well, baby grows fast ----" 2,5

On 9 July 1893, Elsie, in a long letter to her mother-in-law, JULIA CLELAND, writes from Bussey with our first news in depth of little "Jo" (Helen). Referring to the postponment of their plans to travel east to Squaw Brook Farm, Elsie writes: 2 4

"We intended to leave Jo with Ma - next year we will bring both if God spares us all - Jo has not been well for weeks - one week she was very sick took no nourishment at all - was threatened with brain fever - with spasms, had inflamation of the stomach - had a very high fever - Guess it all came from her teeth - She weighed eleven pounds when I came (to Bussey) at fourteen months old her weight was 13½ pounds - now at sixteen months she weighs 16 3/4 pounds - She can stand up against the wall - does not talk at all except say "Dink" and "Kitty". Kitty means any animal from a mouse to a horse

She is greatly attached to Pa and Ma more than I ever saw a baby to any one, especially is it true in regard to Ma - and they think her simply perfect - In their eyes she can not do wrong - She is surely a very sweet and interesting child - The sunniest disposition - and cunning ways - I think She resembles Ed very much both in looks and in her happy disposition - You know how Ed is far better than I can tell Cle says She looks like JULIA and Maggie - says she is a Messerve' 7 1 8,9

Pa and Ma have grown so attached to her - have allowed themselves to think about it until they really believe I should let them have her. ----

To-day Pa got the Bible to record his Grandchildrens births -

he put down Ernests, then Zell's, then said What about Jo's - 5
He said "I won't put it Jo" I said put it "Messerve' 2nd,
March 7th ar. to suit you so he wrote it Helen Messerve' so
the poor child is nameless no longer."

The last news we have was written by Elsie from Emporia on 17 2
April 1894 to her sister-in-law, JULIA: 8

"We are so near the church now we enjoy excellent church priv-
eleges for the first - Cle and Zell go to Sunday School every 1,5
Sunday - then Cle comes for me and we put Helen to bed and go
to morning church I do not go any more on Sunday Cle goes at
night and I stay with the babies

Dear JULIA I cannot begin to tell you what a nice baby we have
Everyone makes so much over her - It does seem if we do not
have much else we have nice babies. ---- Helen talks very
sweetly if she only would walk - She is so fat and merry - She
has the very prettiest hands and arms you ever saw She is very
white with yellow hair curling all over her head She is too
fat to be pretty - but so sweet and merry

If She is playing on the floor and I want to put her to bed so
I can go out I say come Helen lets go to bed - She will clap
her hands and laugh and be so delighted She always calls for
her mitten on We broke her of sucking her thumb by putting her
mitten on when she went to bed - now she always calls for the
mitten ----

Helen measured 29½ inches If they are half their height at 2
years old she will be one inch less than five feet when grown -
We think Helen will weigh as much as Zell - as soon as I can 5
will take them down and weigh them ----

Helen has had a birthday and me just think I am 30 years old"

If recollections of family references during the early 1930s can be relied upon, Helen married a man named Gale, a carpenter, and that they lived in Denver, CO. The subject was Helen's need for financial assistance to help them survive the great depression of the time.

1	Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5)	father
2	Elsie West	W5;4-2(4),3(5)	mother
3	Anna Belle Cartter (2)	W5;4-2(4),3(2)	uncle John's second wife
4	JULIA CLELAND	10;4-1(6)	paternal grandmother
5	Zell Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(5),2(1)	sister
6	Mary Julia Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(2),2(1)	cousin
7	Edgar Barron Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(4)	paternal uncle
8	JULIA PUTNAM MESSERVE	5;3-1(6)	paternal aunt
9	Margaret Cleland Messerve	5;4-2(4),3(1)	paternal aunt

5;4-2(4),3(5),2(3)
Theodore Cleland Messerve
b. 7 Sep 1901

m.
age
d.
age

MESSERVE 5
4-2(4),3(5),2(3)

Theodore Cleland Messerve 5;4-2(4),3(5),2(3)

The only information we have concerning Theodore comes from a note written on the back of his photograph above taken in Emporia, KS stating that it was taken on 15 August 1904 and giving his birthdate as 7 September 1901.

5;4-2(4) 17
JOHN JACOB MESSERVE
b.14 Nov 1822 Savannah, GA

age 29
d.11 Jan 1889 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 66 Paterson, NJ

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JULIA CLELAND
b.22 Aug 1824 Manhattanville, NY

m.13 May 1852 St. Thomas Church,
age 27 New York City, NY
d. 6 Feb 1896 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 71 Paterson, NJ

3(1)
Margaret Cleland Messerve
b. 7 Sep 1853 Hoboken, NJ

m. Mar 1879
age 25
d. 2 May 1932 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 78 Paterson, NJ

Gottlieb Theodor Leonhard
b.27 Jul 1855

age 23
d.19 Oct 1900 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 45 Paterson, NJ

2(3)
Madeline Leonhard
b.27 Apr 1884 Haledon, NJ

m.14 Oct 1916 Passaic, NJ
age 32
d.23 Jan 1971 Princeton Cem.
age 87 Princeton, NJ

Richard Terhune Anderson
b. 2 Sep 1879 Passaic, NJ

age 37
d. 9 Aug 1954 Princeton Cem.
age 74 Princeton, NJ

1(1)
David John Anderson
b.19 May 1918

d.21 May 1979 Princeton Cem.
age 61 Princeton, NJ

X

1(2)
Margaret Cleland Anderson
b.18 Jul 1922

m. Feb 1944
age 21

C. Richard MacGrath (1)
b.

age
d.
age
divorced

William E. Hague (2)
b.

m. Jul 1950
age 28

age
d.
age
divorced

	Robert Chapman Brady b.
m.19 Jul 1952 age 30	age
d. age	d. age

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2(5) Albert Theodor Leonhard b. 1887 age 23 d. age	Annie MacLagen b. m.27 Sep 1910 St. John's age Passaic, NJ d. age
1(1) Elizabeth Leonhard b. m. age d. age	 b. age d. age
1(2) Margaret Leonhard b. m. age d. age	 b. age d. age
1(3) Albert Theodore Leonhard b. age d. 15 Aug 1979 age	 b. m. age d. age

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2(6) William Cleland Leonhard b. 1890 age d. age	Helen Edwards b. m. age d. age
1(1) John Leonhard b. d. age	X
1(2) Helen Leonhard b. m. age d. age	Phillip Brooks b. age d. age

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2(7) Edgar Dorwart Leonhard b. 8 Jul 1893 Passaic, NJ age 23 d.29 Jun 1944 Ridgelawn Cem. age 50 Passaic, NJ	Ethel Carolyn Smith b.18 Mar 1894 Greenville, NJ m.24 Apr 1917 Passaic, NJ age 23 Passaic, NJ d.20 Aug 1947 Ridgelawn Cem. age 53 Passaic, NJ
1(1) Patricia Leonhard b.11 Dec 1923 Ridgewood, NJ m. 3 Apr 1943 Rydal, PA age 19 d. age	William Nelson Morell b.13 Jul 1920 Takoma Park, MD age 22 d. age
1(2) Barbara Leonhard b. 1 Jun 1929 Passaic, NJ m.11 Sep 1948 age 19 d. age	Donald Artley MacFarland b.18 Sep age d. age
1(3) Edgar Dorwart Leonhard b.18 Jun 1931 Passaic, NJ d.28 Jun 1972 Miami, FL age 41	X

1(4) Michael Anthony Leonhard b.29 Mar 1937 Abington, PA age d.23 Jun 1967 Ridgelawn Cem. age 30 Passaic, NJ	Ann b. m. age d. age

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3(2) John Edwin Messerve b. 3 Dec 1855 Hoboken, NJ age 25 d. age	Mattie Haynes (1) b. 1859 m.26 Apr 1881 Unionville, MO age 22 d.11 Mar 1885 Wichita, KS age 26
2(1) Mary Julia Messerve b.10 Mar 1885 Wichita, KS m. age d. age	Vance b. age d. age
1(1) Lenita Verle Vance b. 1921 d. 1950 Kansas City, MO age 29	X

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5;4-2(4),3(2),2(1),1(1) Lenita Verle Vance b. 1921 d. 1950 Kansas City, MO age 29
5;4-2(4),3(2),2(1) Mary Julia Messerve mother
5;4-2(4),3(1) Margaret Cleland Messerve grandaunt
5;4-2(4),3(1),2(3) Madeline Leonhard 1st cousin once removed

Lenita Verle Vance 5;4-2(4),3(2),2(1),1(1)

We have only bits of Lenita's history. From photographs, we know that she and her mother visited relatives in Madison, CT, some- 1
time before the death in 1932 of Lenita's grandaunt, Margaret 2
Cleland Messerve.

Sometime, I believe, in the late Spring of 1936, I visited with 3
Lenita and her parents at their home in Kansas City, MO. I do remember helping Lenita with her algebra that afternoon.

I recall hearing that Lenita's untimely death resulted from her 3
finger being caught in a folding chair but we have no evidence to support this recollection.

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1 Mary Julia Messerve 5;4-2(4),3(2),2(1) mother
2 Margaret Cleland Messerve 5;4-2(4),3(1) maternal grand aunt
3 WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD 1;1-1(1) second cousin

6;10-8( ) 1407 b. age d. age	705;10-1( ) 1408 b. m. age d. age
6;9-7( ) 703 JOHANN JAKOB STEIMLE bt. 4 Aug 1665 Wildberg, Calw W.Ger. age 26 d. age	353;9-1( ) 704 MAGDALINA RUDOLPH b. m. 7 Oct 1691 Wildberg, Calw age W.Ger. d. age

JOHANN JAKOB STEIMLE is referred to as a butcher in the Evangelical Parish records of Wildberg.

The letter from the Parish dated 28 May 1979, to Norman Meier, gives JOHANN'S baptismal year date as 1685. It appears that this is an error and probably should be 1665. 1

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1 Norman Meier 6;4-2(6),3(3),2(2),1(4) six great grandson

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STEIMLE 6
8-6( )

JOHANN GEORG STEIMLE 6;8-6( ) CATHARINA SATTLER 177;8-1( )

JOHANN is listed as a baker in Wildberg Evangelical Parish records.

STEIMLE 6
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TOBIAS STEIMLE 6;6-4( ) CHRISTINE SCHNEIDER 45;6-1( )

According to records of the Evangelical Parish of Altburg, Calw, TOBIAS STEIMLE was a master butcher in Wildberg, Calw, where he was born on 28 March 1764. He married CHRISTINE SCHNEIDER, illegitimate daughter of JAKOB SCHNEIDER, nailsmith, in Bulach, on 7 September 1784. Both TOBIAS and CHRISTINE died in Wildberg.

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5(3) Christine Agnes Steimle b.31 Aug 1788 d.10 Sep 1789 age 1	X
5(4) Christine Agnes Steimle b.31 Jan 1790 m. age d. Bulach age	b. age d. age

Tobias Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1)

Christina Katharina Rentschler (2)

From the Evangelical parish in Altburg (now Alzenberg), we learn that Christina is the daughter of Christian Rentschler, day laborer in Alzenberg, and Maria Barbara Erhardt, also of Alzenberg.

JOHANN CHRISTOF STEIMLE 6;5-3(2) MARIA ELIZABETH RENZ 23;5-1( )

According to the Church Registrar of Evangelische Gesamptkirchegemeinde, Degerloch, Stuttgart, West Germany, in a letter dated 5 May 1978, JOHANN CHRISTOF STEIMLE is listed in the church records as a butcher.

Emmy Agnes Steimle provides additional information in her letter of 25 April 1976, written at Oberndorf am Neckar, West Germany, to Lucille Harris at Paterson, NJ: "ev" stands for evangelical: 1 2

> "Greatgrandfather: JOHANN CHRISTOF STEIMLE, ev. butcher, born 18.7.1787 at Wildberg/Wurttemberg, died 10.12.1864.
>
> his wife: MARIA ELISABETH, born RENZ, ev. born 9.5.1784, died 27.1.1855."

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1 Emmy Agnes Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4) great granddaughter
2 Lucille Faith Harris 3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3) great great granddaughter

6;6-4( ) 87	45;6-1( ) 88
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5(1) Tobias Steimle b. 4 Apr 1785 Wildberg, Calw, W.Ger. age 41 d. age	Christina Katharina Rentschler (2) b.30 Mar 1803 Alzenberg, Württemberg, W.Ger. m.30 Aug 1826 Alzenberg, Württem- age 23 berg, W.Ger. d. Sep 1873 Lutheran Cem. age 70 Queens, NY
4(1) Friedrich Wilhelm Steimle b.20 Mar 1826 d.26 Jul 1826 age 0	X
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4(3) Elisabethe Friederike Steimle b.25 Jan 1830 m. age d. age	b. age d. age
4(4) Elisabethe Katharina Steimle b. 4 Aug 1831 m. age d. age	b. age d. age

4(5) Gottlieb Albrecht Steimle b.19 Apr 1833 d.10 Jul 1833 age 0	X

STEIMLE 6
6-4( ),5(1),4(2)

Friedrich Wilhelm Tobias Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2) Anna Neth

In the obituary of Friedrich's son, Augustus, printed in the New York Times, dated 4 June 1934, a brief reference was made to Friedrich: 1

> "Two years ago he presided at the installation of his son, the Rev. Edmund A. Steimle, as pastor of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour in Jersey City. He recalled, during the induction address, that his son was the third of three generations of ministers, the first being his paternal grandfather." 2

The inscription on the monument at his grave:

> "Dank barer Liebe von der gemeinde Gewidnet"

may be translated to "grateful love from the parish".

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1 Augustus Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2),3( ) son
2 Edmund A. Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2),3( ),2( ) grandson

6;5-3(2) 43	23;5-1( ) 44
JOHANN CHRISTOF STEIMLE b.18 Jul 1787 Wildberg, Württem-	MARIA ELIZABETH RENZ b. 9 May 1784
age 24	m.17 Sep 1811 age 27
d.10 Dec 1864 age 77	d.27 Jan 1855 age 70

4(1) Christina Katharin Steimle b. 3 Nov 1810	b.
m. 1840 Altensteig age 29	age
d. age	d. age
4(2) Johann Albrecht Steimle b. 5 May 1812	X
d.31 Jul 1813 age 1	
4(3) Elizabeth Barbara Steimle b. 9 Mar	b.
m. 1848 Berg age	age
d. age	d. age
4(4) Johann Tobias Steimle b. 1 Jan 1817	Anna Margarete Bühr b. 7 Nov 1823 Mergelstetten
age 42	m. 8 Dec 1859 Degerloch, Stutt- age 36 gart, W.Ger.
d. age	d. 9 Sep 1886 Degerloch, Stutt- age 62 gart, W.Ger.
4(5) Maria Magdalana Steimle b.21 Oct 1821	b.
m. age	age
d. age	d. age

6;4-2(6) 21 CHRISTIAN ALBRECHT STEIMLE b. 9 Sep 1823 Wildberg, Württemberg, W.Ger. age 29 age 55 d. 5 Jan 1895 Stuttgart, W.Ger. age 71	12;4-1( ) 22 MARGARETHE SÖLL (1) b. 5 Dec 1821 Möhringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger. m. 3 Jul 1853 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. age 31 d. 1 Jan 1878 Basel, Switz. age 56 Maria Rosina Reutter (2) b.30 Sep 1847 Stammheim, W.Ger. m.31 Oct 1878 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. age 31 d. age

STEIMLE 6
5-3(2),4(4)

Johann Tobias Steimle 6;5-3(2),4(4) Anna Margarete Bühr

Records from the parish state that Johann moved to Degerloch, a suburb of Stuttgart, in 1858.

STEIMLE 6
5-3(2),4(5)

Maria Magdalana Steimle 6;5-3( ),4(5)

Parish records indicate that Maria moved to Stuttgart in 1851.

CHRISTIAN ALBRECHT STEIMLE 6;4-2(6) MARGARETHE SÖLL (1) 12;4-1( )
Maria Rosine Reutter (2)

Records quoted in a letter dated 5 May 1978, from the church registrar of Evangelische Gesamptkirchegemeinde. Degerloch, Stuttgart, West Germany, list CHRISTIAN as a master butcher.

In a letter dated 25 April 1976, from Emmy Agnes Steimle, writing from 7238 Mauserstrasse 1, Oberndorf am Neckar, West Germany, to Lucille Harris at Paterson, NJ, we learn some information about CHRISTIAN and his two wives: "ev." means evangelic religion: 1 2

> "Grandfather: CHRISTIAN ALBRECHT STEIMLE, ev. butcher, born 9.10.1823 at Wildberg. died 5.1.1895 at Stuttgart. his wife: MARGARETE, born SÖLL, born 1821 at Möhringen near Stuttgart, died 1.1.1878 at Basel, Switzerland.
>
> She visited her daughters when they went up to the U.S.A. ---- 3,4
>
> My parents told me that the Grandfather CHRISTIAN ALBRECHT STEIMLE married after the death of his first wife a second one. this was a very young wife. she was in the same age as her daughters in law, there fore the sons left behind them all connection with the family."

According to our records, MARGARETHE died on 1 January 1878 in Basel, Switzerland. We also know that LOUISE STEIMLE was in Basel when Mathilda, her second daughter, was born on 18 February 1878. This leads us to surmise that MARGARETHE visited LOUISE during the latter part of 1877 to assist her during the late months of her pregnancy, but died there before Mathilda's birth. 3 5 3 5

The first two of the seven children born to CHRISTIAN and MARGARETHE, LOUISE and Christian, were born prior to the marriage of their parents on 3 July 1853. 3,6

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1 Emmy Agnes Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4)	granddaughter
2 Lucille Faith Harris	3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3)	great granddaughter
3 LOUISE STEIMLE	6;3-1(1)	daughter
4 Charlotte Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(3)	daughter
5 Mathilda Benz	3;3-2(1),2(2)	granddaughter
6 Christian Albrecht Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(2)	son

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3(1) Johann Adolph Steimle b.30 Nov 1853 d.17 Nov 1855 Lutheran Cem. age 2 Queens, NY	X
3(2) Anna Katharine Wilhelmina Steimle b.14 Sep 1855 d.24 Jul 1872 Lutheran Cem. age 16 Queens, NY	X
3(3) Henry Steimle b. 1858 age d. Mar 1909 Lutheran Cem. age 51 Queens, NY	b. m. age d. age

3(4) Louise Therese Steimle b.23 Jul 1859 d.22 Mar 1861 Lutheran Cem. age 1 Queens, NY	X
3(5) Alexander C. D. Steimle b. May 1860 d. Nov 1871 Lutheran Cem. age 10 Queens, NY	X
3(6) Louisa Steimle b.11 Sep 1862 m. age d. Apr 1932 Lutheran Cem. age 69 Queens, NY	Elton b. age d. age
3(7) Emilie Steimle b.30 Sep 1866 d.10 May 1868 Lutheran Cem. age 1 Queens, NY	X
3(8) Augustus Steimle b.23 Jul 1870 Brooklyn, NY age 28 d.30 Sep 1937 age 67	Emily Augusta Brunings b. m.14 Jun 1899 age d. age
3(9) Paul Steimle b. 1874 age d. Mar 1912 Lutheran Cem. age 38 Queens, NY	b. m. age d. age

Augustus Steimle 6;6-2( ),5(1),4(2),3(8), Emily Augusta Brunings

From his obituary, published in the New York Times, dated 1 October 1937, we find references to Augustus' birth and early life:

"Dr. Steimle was born July 23, 1870, in Brooklyn, the son of the Rev. F.W.T. Steimle and Anna Neth Steimle. He was graduated from the Martin Luther College, 1888, the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, 1891, and the Muhlenberg College, where he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1914. 1,2

He was married June 14, 1899, to Emily Augusta Brunings, two years before he was ordained. His first assignment as pastor was at St. Paul's Church, Red Wing, Minn., where he remained until 1896, when he was named pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn. In 1907, he was appointed pastor of St. John's Church, Allentown, Pa. He came to the Advent Church in 1918.

Dr. Steimle was widely known throughout the ministry and served in many important clerical posts. He was English secretary of the Ministerium of New York from 1900 to 1902, and assisted in organizing the Synod of New York. He was president of the Eastern Conference, 1921-24, and was a member of the foreign mission board of the U.L.C.A. He was associate editor of the English translation of "Luther's Works," Philadelphia edition."

A summary of Augustus' sermon at the Lutheran Church of the Advent, on Sunday, 30 May 1926, was printed in the New York Times, on 31 May 1926:

"Preaching yesterday in the Lutheran Church of the Advent, Broadway at Ninety-third Street, the Rev. Dr. A. Steimle linked the church holiday of the Trinity and the national holiday of Memorial Day.

"I have displayed the flag today although usually I do not believe in having the flag in the church." he said. "Under our system of government, Church and State are separate, Yet, the moving force that keeps Church and State going is the same. We cannot be good churchmen and bad citizens. Also we can never be good citizens and bad churchmen."

"Many are those, especially leaders in scientific thought, who find it impossible to believe in the Trinity. They say that one cannot be three and three cannot be one. The Unitarian movement that swept over the country in the middle of the ninteenth century was mainly directed by intellectual leaders in New England. Yet those of us who concede that there is mystery in religion and who see that there is a clouded area between the boundaries of the finite and the infinite, believe in the Trinity as a mystic expression of God. We acknowledge that we cannot measure God with the miserable yardstick of human knowledge.

"I read in a scientific article that if a drop of water were

magnified until it reached the dimensions of a huge mountain and then pencil dots were made on that mountain we would get an idea of the size and number of atoms. Those who seek to solve the mystery of the Trinity had better try to embrace the stars in their arms or to hold the oceans in their hands.

"In the Sermon on the Mountain we have the blessed promise that the pure of heart will see God. On this day, we may well lift our eyes to the skies and pray that the flag of our country may always be held high by those pure in heart, pure in purpose, pure in devotion, so as to make God Almighty fulfill His promise in making His face shine upon the United States of America."

In The New York Times dated 4 June 1934, we find the following report on his sermon delivered on Sunday, 3 June 1934:

"To many persons God is only an empty sound the Rev. Dr. Augustus Steimle, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Advent, Broadway and Ninety-third Street, declared in his sermon yesterday morning. This attitude he traced to a lack of the "perfect love that casteth out fear."

"Modern writers on the subject of God reflect the temper of the age," he said. "Formerly it was called atheism, but now it is humanism. God is process evolution, progress, value, an idea, a mental projection, an outthrust of nature. In other words, there is in the wisdom of our times no such God that is love. Science and advancing knowledge have destroyed that illusion. Our eyes have been opened.

"We are living in a world where fear has the upper hand. Therefore, perfect love is not ours. We are afraid. We have a gloomy outlook, and if we listen to some who essay to speak for us there is nothing but futility and destruction ahead.

"The pessimists have the floor just now. The shadow of Schopenhauer is cast over this modern view, and that of the gloomy Spengler. Altogether it looks dark and there is fear.

"What are we afraid of? We fear, perhaps, that a year from now we shall not be as well off. In other words, we have fear of losing things - paper, for instance, with pretty printing, stocks and bonds. Perhaps we have too many things, after all, so that one of the greatest difficulties in our lives is to part with our possessions.

"We are afraid, too, that we shall lose our jobs. We are afraid of disease and death, and the pain that comes with death and leaves with it. It is the people who dissociate themselves from things and who realize that after all, love is the best companion during the days of life, who are best able to avoid the doom of constant and perennial fear.

"What is perfect love? John describes it in the Gospel. "God is love, and he that dwells in love dwells in God and God in him."

"We must get away from Schopenhauer, Walter Lippmann, Joseph Wood Krutch and Mencken. I prefer John, for he gives me satisfaction and an answer when he declares that God is love."

STEIMLE 6
6-4( ),5(1),4(2),3(8)

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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Romans 11:1-33	Friday, 2 Timothy 4:1-22
Tuesday, 2 Thess. 1:11-2:17	Saturday, Matthew 24:1-14
Wednesday, 2 Thess. 3:1-18	Sunday, Psalm 121
Thursday, 2 Timothy 3:1-17	

The Church of the Advent

Broadway at 93rd Street

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THE 24th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
NOVEMBER 6th, 1921.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today:
9.45, Advent Bible School.
11, Service with sermon and Holy Communion. Preparatory Service promptly at 11.
8, Vespers with sermon by Rev. R. L. Patterson, D.D., of Atchison, Kansas.

Monday:
3.30, The Light Brigade.
8, Young People's Society.

Wednesday:
3.45, Week Day School of Religion. Confirmation Class.
8, Boy Scouts.

Thursday:
2.45, Ladies Aid Society.
7.30, Camp Fire Girls.

Friday:
11.45, Service for prayer and meditation, in accordance with the request of the President of the United States, embracing the moment of silence at noon.

Saturday:
10, Confirmation Class.
10, Junior Choir.

Next Sunday:
Services as usual.

THE MUSIC FOR THE DAY'S SERVICES

A. M.

Organ	Melody in D flat	Parsons
Choral Prelude	The earth is my possession (Redemption)	Gounod
Tenor Solo	Let all the people praise Thee	Maunder
Anthem	O Lord how manifold	Barnby
Organ	Marcia religioso	Mozart

P. M.

Organ	La Serenata	Braga
Alto Solo	As I Know	Duncan
Anthem	If ye love me	Nevin
Organ	March in C	Clark

THE FLOWERS on the Altar today are placed by the Altar Guild.

The Committee for the current month: Mrs. A. Eckel and Mrs. E. Mehlig.

HOLY COMMUNION. All those who participate with us in the Holy Sacrament this morning are requested to observe the rule of this congregation which requires that their names and addresses shall be handed in after the service, on the cards provided for that purpose which are found in the pews

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY is busily engaged preparing for the annual sale of useful articles, home made cakes, etc., which will be held on Saturday, November 19th. Donations of articles will be gratefully received and above all reserve the date so that you will not miss the splendid hospitality of our young people which always marks this event.

HOLY BAPTISM. Donald William, infant son of Carl D. Tonjes and his wife Clara A., nee Frea, born February 15th, 1921, was baptized at the Font after the morning service on Reformation Sunday, October 30th. Sponsors were Miss Jessie Frea and Mr. W. H. Tonjes.

At the same time and place, William Ritschy, infant son of William R. Maurer and his wife Ruth G., nee Noren, born August 6th, 1921. The sponsors were Miss Bertha Noren and Mr. Albert J. Wirth.

A happy coincidence brought these two young sons to our Font at the same time, whose fathers had been associates in our church, were among the first scholars of the Industrial School, and later were active in the Young People's Society. A very pleasant feature was the presence of other young men of the same group, with their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard G. Reichhard and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Ruth. Of the grandparents of the children, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Maurer, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Frea and Mr. W. H. Tonjes were present. We were also pleased to welcome, Miss Madeline Maurer. Miss Doelling and others who attended this impressive and beautiful service.

OUR CHURCH'S GREETING TO THE COLUMBIA STUDENTS on Friday evening last was an expression of warm interest in their spiritual and material welfare, which we are glad to extend to them at our Sunday services and any other occasions of our church life into which they find time and inclination to enter. Though our hospitality extends to every part of the church auditorium, our special interest in the students finds expression in the name plate on a pew of the centre isle which is inscribed "Columbia University."

The appeal for the World Service Campaign for which answer has been requested by last Sunday, 52 envelopes were returned with the amount of $233.10 enclosed. There are about 200 families in our church and some gift, if ever so small, ought to come from everyone. We, therefore, trust that this reminder will be all that is necessary to bring an offering for this worthy cause from all our people.

Some bundles of clothing have likewise been received and you are urged again to remember the needy with the wearing apparel which clutters up your closets and which so often is in the way. What you have discarded will be a boon to your European brothers and sisters whose need is so desperate. Let us give both money and clothing.

Our history continues from the remaining paragraphs copied from his obituary:

"The Rev. Dr. Augustus Steimle, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Advent, Broadway and Ninety-third Street and recently one of the delegates from the United Lutheran Church of America to the Edinburgh Conference, died last night at his home, 174 West Ninety-third Street. Uremic poisoning with a heart complication was the cause of death. He was 67 years old.

Dr. Steimle, accompanied by his wife, returned from the World Conference on Faith and Order in Scotland Sept. 4. He was taken ill Monday after he had preached his usual sermon Sunday morning and attended an opening meeting of the young people's organization of the church in the evening.

For the past nineteen years he had been pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Advent. Two years ago he presided at the installation of his son, the Rev. Edmund A. Steimle, as pastor of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour in Jersey City. He recalled, during the induction address, that his son was the third of three generations of ministers, the first being his paternal grandfather. 3 1

Surviving are his widow, two sons, Douglas and Edmund, and a daughter,Mildred." 3,4 5

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1 Friedrich Wilhelm Tobias Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2) father
2 Anna Neth W6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2) mother
3 Edmund A. Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2),3(8),2( ) son
4 Douglas Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2),3(8),2( ) son
5 Mildred Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2),3(8),2( ) daughter

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3(1) Georg Tobias Anton Steimle b.27 Jun 1845 Esslingen d. Esslingen age	X
3(2) Christian Michael Ludwig Steimle b. 1 Mar 1847 Stuttgart, W.Ger. age 28 d. age	Eleonore Ritter b. m. 8 Apr 1875 Bizfeld age d. age
3(3) Johanne Caroline Steimle b.29 Dec 1851 Stuttgart, W.Ger. m.21 May 1877 Degerloch, Stutt- age 25 gart, W.Ger. m.27 Feb 1892 age 40 d. age	Carl Wilhelm Frech (1) b. age d. age Wilhelm Klauss (2) b. age d. age

3(4) Carl Wilhelm Steimle b. 9 Feb 1861 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. age d. age	b. m. age d. age
3(5) (child) b. 5 Sep 1863 d. 5 Sep 1863 age 0	X

6;4-2(6) 21
CHRISTIAN ALBRECHT STEIMLE
b. 9 Sep 1823 Wildberg, Württemberg, W.Ger.
age 29

12;4-1( ) 22
MARGARETHE SÖLL (1)
b. 5 Dec 1821 Möhringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
m. 3 Jul 1853 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
age 31
d. 1 Jan 1878 Basel, Switzerland
age 56

6;3-1(1) 10
LOUISE STEIMLE
b.12 Jan 1850 Möhringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
m. 3 Feb 1876 Tumringen, W.Ger.
age 26
d.29 Mar 1919 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 69 Paterson, NJ

3;3-2(1) 9
JOHANN FRIEDRICH BENZ
b.31 Jan 1851 Tegernau, W.Ger.
age 25
d.25 Jun 1921 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 70 Paterson, NJ

3(2)
Christian Albrecht Steimle
b. 2 Oct 1851 Möhringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
d.
age

X

3(3)
Charlotte Steimle (2)
b.20 Jul 1854 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
m.
age
d. 1917 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 63 Paterson, NJ

Conrad Meier
b. 1828 Switz.
age
d. 5 Sep 1909 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 80 Paterson, NJ

3(4)
Wilhelm Gottlieb Steimle
b.17 Jun 1856 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
age 24
age 27
d. Nördlingen, Bavaria
age W.Ger.

Louisa (1)
b.
m.13 Jan 1881
age
d.
age

Auguste Nihus (2)
b.
m.24 Apr 1884
age
d. Nördlingen, Bavaria
age W.Ger.

3(5) Gottlieb Steimle b.11 Nov 1857 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. age 26 d.17 Aug 1914 Suhl, Thüringen, age 56 D.D.R.	Agnes Emilie Linhs b.13 Jul 1859 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R. m.24 Apr 1884 Stuttgart, W.Ger. age 24 d.25 Oct 1938 Suhl, Thüringen, age 79 D.D.R.
3(6) Maria Margareta Steimle b. 5 Mar 1860 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. d.15 Dec 1861 Degerloch, Stutt- age 0 gart, W.Ger.	X
3(7) Karl Friedrich Steimle b.16 Mar 1861 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. age d. 1903 Gera, Thüringen, age 42 D.D.R.	Ernestine b. m. Gera, Thüringen, age D.D.R. d. age
3(8) Gustave Hermann Steimle b. 9 Aug 1862 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. age age d. Ludwigshafen am age Rhein, W.Ger.	(1) b. m. age d. age (2) b. m. age d. age
3(9) Paul Adolph Daniel Steimle b. 4 Jan 1864 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. d. 6 Jun 1882 Heilbronn, W.Ger. age 18	X

3(10) Paul Adolph Steimle b.31 Jan 1865 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. age d. age	b. m. age d. age
    age 55 d. 5 Jan 1895 Stuttgart, W.Ger. age 71	Maria Rosine Reutter (2) b.30 Dec 1847 Stammheim, Calw, W.Ger. m.31 Oct 1878 Degerloch, Stuttage 31 gart, W.Ger. d. age
3(11) Gustave Eugen Steimle b. 9 Oct 1879 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. d.29 Nov 1879 Degerloch, Stutt- age 0 gart, W.Ger.	X
3(12) Gustave Eugen Steimle b.27 Sep 1880 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. age d. age	b. m. age d. age
3(13) Freida Karoline Steimle b.10 Oct 1881 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. m. age d. age	b. age d. age
3(14) Otto Julius Steimle b.17 Nov 1883 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. d. 7 Mar 1884 Degerloch, Stutt- age 0 gart, W.Ger.	X

LOUISE STEIMLE 6;3-1(1)

The only information we have of LOUISE prior to her marriage comes from the records of Evangelische Gesamtkirchengemeinde, Degerloch, Stuttgart, West Germany which lists her birthdate as 12 January 1850 at Möhringen and above which is written "premarital"

The Church Registrar notes that Möhringen, like Degerloch, is a village south of Stuttgart and is now a suburb of that city.

STEIMLE 6
4-2(6),3(2)

Christian Albrecht Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(2)

The only record of Christian received from the Church Registrar of Evangelische Gesamtkirchengemeinde, Degerloch, Stuttgart, West Germany, is the date and place of birth, 2 October 1851 in Degerloch.

Emmy Agnes Steimle referred briefly to Christian in her letter dated 25 April 1976, written from Oberndorf am Neckar, to Lucille Harris at Paterson, NJ: 1 2

"from Christian I don't Know anything."

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1 Emmy Agnes Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4) daughter of brother Gottlieb
2 Lucille Faith Harris 3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3) granddaughter of sister LOUISE

6;4-2(6),3(3)
Charlotte Steimle (2)
b.20 Jul 1854 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
m.
d. age 1917 Laurel Grove Cem. age 63 Paterson, NJ

Charlotte Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(3) Conrad Meier

A note on the back of our photograph of Charlotte and another on an envelope state that Charlotte was an adopted sister of LOUISE STEIMLE. This is refuted by the record received from the Church Registrar of Evangelische Gesamtkirchengemeinde, Degerloch, Stuttgart, in which is recorded the birth of Charlotte, 20 July 1854. 1

A copy of the census record of 1910 adds a bit of confusion by indicating Charlotte's age as 52, three years (as of April) less than it should be. This record, which lists Charlotte as head of family, also informs us that she emigrated from Germany to America in 1888. This date becomes suspect from the brief statement in the letter dated 25 April 1976, from Emmy Agnes Steimle, to Lucille Harris in regard to a visit to Charlotte and LOUISE by their mother, MARGARETHE SOLL: 2 3,1 4

"She visited her daughters when they went up to the U.S.A."

Since MARGARETHE died on 1 January 1878, the visit was probably late in 1877, a bit more than ten years earlier than the stated date of emigration.

Charlotte married Conrad Meier, a native of Switzerland, who was about 26 years older than she. We do not have records of either date or place. Apparently, Conrad had been married earlier to Pauline Angst in Switzerland who is listed as the mother of his son, Fred Meier, (who was born in Zurich, Switzerland, on 15 February 1884,) on Fred's Certificate of Death.

On Conrad's Certificate and Record of Death, issued in Paterson, N.J., he is referred to as a Silk Dyer. The statement that he was a resident of New Jersey for 21 years prior to his death on 5 September 1909 strengthens an assumption that he also emigrated to America in 1888 and the likelihood that he and Charlotte were married in Switzerland earlier.

In the letter of 25 April 1976 from Emmy Agnes Steimle to Lucille Harris referred to above, Emmy included an inquiry concerning Charlotte: 2,3

"do you know anything from her (LOUISE STEIMLE's) sister Charlotte?"

Charlotte had been dead about six years when Otto Steimle, in his letter dated 11 November 1923 to "Dear Aunt LOUISE with Family", asked: 5 1

"How is Aunt Lotte?"

1	LOUISE STEIMLE	6;3-1(1)	sister
2	Emmy Agnes Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4)	dau. of bro. Gottlieb
3	Lucille Faith Harris	3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3)	grandniece
4	MARGARETHE SOLL	12;4-1( )	mother
5	Otto Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(3)	son of bro. Gottlieb

6;4-2(6),3(4)
Wilhelm Gottlieb Steimle
b.17 Jun 1856 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
m.13 Jan 1881
age 24
m.24 Apr 1884
age 27
d. Nördlingen, Bavaria,
age W.Ger.

Louisa (1)
Wilhelm Gottlieb Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(4) Auguste Nihus (2)

From records of Evangelische Gesamtkirchengemeinde, Degerloch, Stuttgart, West Germany, we find the birth date of Wilhelm as 17 June 1856 and learn he was confirmed in 1870. On 13 January 1881, he married Auguste Nihus, from Braunschweig.

Our first news of Wilhelm comes from the letter, written from Suhl, Thüringen, now D.D.R., on 29 January 1914, from Otto Steimle, 1
to his aunt, LOUISE, in Haledon, NJ: 2

> "---- in the fall when the grapes were ripe I went to Ludwigshafen & Mannheim ---- here I met my cousin, Robert Steimle - 3
> the eldest son of your brother, Wilhelm. ---- one day another
> Steimle met me - it was Freida - the eldest daughter of Uncle 4
> Wilhelm - There Uncle Wilhelm, Freida's father, was in the hospital - here I got to know Uncle Wilhelm - he had an accident with a rusty nail while at work - and got blood poison - he was treated at the hospital and was in lots of pain - it was a sorrowful parting when we left - I never saw him again - one year later he died as a result of the rusty nail - my father visited 5
> him three months before he died in Nördlingen, Bayern where he lived with his family they had a lot to talk about after being apart for so long - they talked a lot about you too."

Otto mentioned the visit again in his letter dated 11 November 1
1923, also from Suhl, to LOUISE STEIMLE in Haledon, NJ. He did 2
not know that his aunt had died about three and a half years earlier:

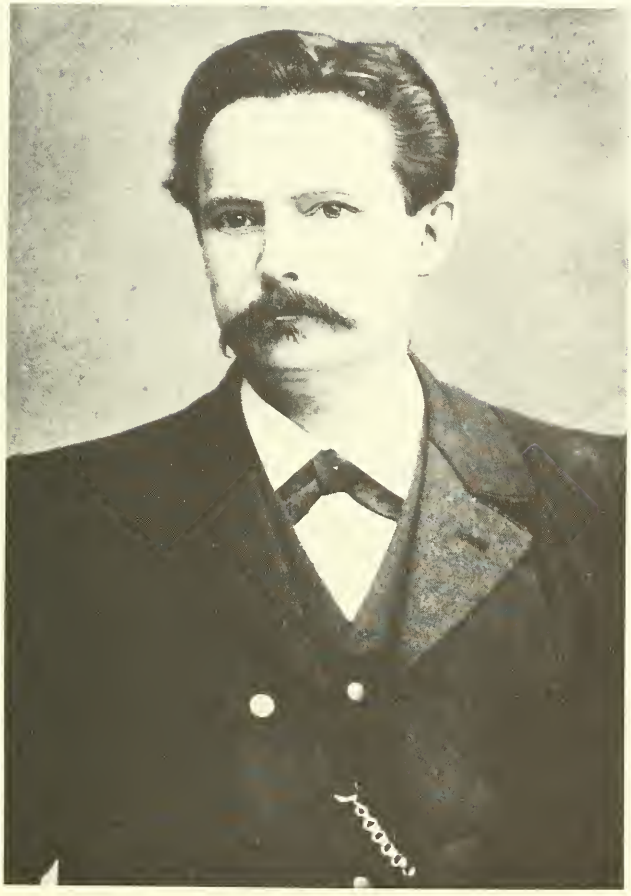
> "Uncle Wilhelm was in the hospital in Augsburg and I visited him there."

In her letter of 25 April 1976, to Lucille Harris, in Paterson, 6
NJ, Emmy Agnes Steimle, writing from Oberndorf am Neckar, West 7
Germany, referred to Wilhelm:

> "Uncle Wilhelm lived at Nördlingen, Bavaria he had six children, three sons and three daughters, one grandson lives still at Nördlingen."

On a genealogical family list which Emmy inclosed with her letter, 7
she stated that Wilhelm married Auguste and that she was from Braunschweig.

1	Otto Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(3)	son of bro. Gottlieb
2	LOUISE STEIMLE	6;3-1(1)	sister
3	Robert Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(4),2(1)	son
4	Freida Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(4),2(2)	daughter
5	Gottlieb Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5)	brother
6	Lucille Faith Harris	3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3)	grandniece
7	Emmy Agnes Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4)	dau. of bro. Gottlieb



6;4-2(6),3(5)
Gottlieb Steimle
b.11 Nov 1857 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
m.
age 26
d.17 Aug 1914 Suhl, Thüringen,
age 56 D.D.R.

Gottlieb Steimle 6:4-2(6),3(5) Agnes Emilie Linhs

From records of Evangelische Gesamtkirchengemeinde, Degerloch, Stuttgart, West Germany, we find the birth date of Gottlieb as 11 November 1857 and learn he was confirmed in 1871.

Our earliest reference to Gottlieb comes from his son Otto's letter of 29 January 1914, from Suhl, Thüringen, now D.D.R., to his paternal aunt, LOUISE STEIMLE, in Haledon, NJ: 1 3

"My name is Otto Steimle born 1887 and am the third son of your brother Gottlieb." 1

Gottlieb is referred to later in the letter after Otto mentions his visit to his uncle, Wilhelm, in the hospital at Augsburg: 1 2

"---- it was a sorrowful parting when we left ---- one year later he died ---- my father visited him three months before he died in Nördlingen, Bayern ---- they had a lot to talk about after being apart for so long - they talked a lot about you too. my father always had his sister LOUISA in his mind - he often told me about his wandering ---- 3

As I came home in 1910 I worked for my father in the business - as my eldest brother also did ---- 4

In the last year my father was very sick with stomach trouble - he took off 6 lbs - we were all very worried about him - now he is feeling much better - he must still be very careful of what he eats - they also found he had heart trouble - at night he is very tired or he would have written you dear Aunt - it is his wish to see you and talk to you again - he would like to visit you but he feels the large cost would hurt his family otherwise he would have visited you dear Aunt a long time ago."

In Otto's letter of 11 November 1923 from Suhl, again to his aunt, LOUISE, he writes of his mother: 1

"Mother wishes you would write to her. ----

Our mother is 65 years old and doing well for her age. I never met you in person, but father often talked about you. He told me how he went to visit you when in Lörrach."

Emmy Agnes Steimle wrote of her father in her letter dated 25 April 1976, from Oberndorf am Neckar, to Lucille Harris at Paterson, NJ: 5 6

"Gottlieb was the fifth child and is my Father. he was born the 11, 11. 1857 at Degerloch near Stuttgart. died in 1914 at Suhl, Thüringia. We were four children, three sons and I. I was the youngest child. ----

Mi father had from time to time some letter with his sister LOUISE. He had also some correspondence with his brother Wilhelm at Nördlingen and Karl in Gera. The son of Karl was after the deat(h) of his father for three years at Suhl and was decorator in the shop of my father. My parents had at Suhl a very good shop. After the death of my father in 1914 this shop went over 3,2 7,8

to my brothers Hermann and Otto.---- 4,1

Now the shop is incorporated in a consumers community like all this shope in the DDR."

In another letter to Lucille Harris from Emmy, we get the following information: 6,5

"My parents were both black-haired. Only my father had a blond beard on his upper lip. ----

My father never learned speaking English and therefore the letter exchange was damned to stop."

1	Otto Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(3)	son
2	Wilhelm Gottlieb Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(4)	brother
3	LOUISE STEIMLE	6;3-1(1)	sister
4	Hermann Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(1)	son
5	Emmy Agnes Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4)	daughter
6	Lucille Faith Harris	3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3)	grandniece
7	Karl Friedrich Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(7)	brother
8	Willi Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(7),2(1)	son of brother Karl

Karl Friedrich Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(7) Ernestine

From records of Evangelische Gesamtkirchengemeinde, Degerloch, Stuttgart, West Germany, Karl's birthdate is given as 16 March 1861 and the year of his confirmation as 1875.

Otto Steimle gives us our first news of Karl in his letter from Suhl, Thüringen, now D.D.R., dated 29 January 1914, to his aunt, LOUISE STEIMLE, in Haledon, NJ: 1 2

"My Godfather was Uncle Karl your youngest brother - he as you know was married and died of stomach trouble - he was a great man - we all liked him - his only son Willi learned his trade from us -" 3

Otto repeats himself in his letter of 11 November 1923 from Suhl, again to his aunt, LOUISE, in Haledon, NJ: 1 2

"Uncle Karl was my Godfather."

A bit more news of Karl we find in Emmy Agnes Steimle's letter of 25 April 1976 written from Oberndorf am Neckar, to Lucille Harris in Paterson, NJ: 4,5

"Karl Steimle lived in Gera/Thüringia, and died as a young man. he had one son, he is also dead.----

Mi father had from time to time some letter with his sister, LOUISE. He had also some correspondence with his brother Wilhelm at Nördlingen and Karl in Gera.----" 6 7

1	Otto Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(3)	son of brother Gottlieb
2	LOUISE STEIMLE	6;3-1(1)	sister
3	Willi Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(7),2(1)	son
4	Emmy Agnes Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4)	daughter of brother Gottlieb
5	Lucille Faith Harris	3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3)	grandniece
6	Gottlieb Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5)	brother
7	Wilhelm Gottlieb Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(4)	brother

STEIMLE 6
4-2(6),3(8)

Gustave Hermann Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(8) (1)
(2)

According to records at Evangelische Gesamptkirchegemeinde, Degerloch, Stuttgart, West Germany, Gustave Hermann was born on 9 August 1862 and was confirmed in 1876.

Our first news of Hermann comes from the letter dated 29 January 1914 from Otto Steimle at Suhl, Thüringen, now D.D.R., to LOUISE STEIMLE in Haledon, NJ: 1 2

> "---- in the fall when the grapes were ripe I went to Ludwigshafen & Mannheim - here I met Uncle Hermann - this uncle was very nice to me - in 1904 he had a bar "Golden Star" He lived in good circumstances he was married a second time but she spent more money than he had so he lost everything-"

Otto repeats himself in his letter of 11 November 1923 from Suhl, again to his aunt, LOUISE, in Haledon, NJ: 1 2

> "I met Uncle Hermann in Ludwigshafen."

The only other information we have of Hermann comes from the letter from Emmy Agnes Steimle dated 25 April 1976 written at Oberndorf am Neckar, to Lucille Harris at Paterson, NJ: 3 4

> "Hermann lived at Ludwigshafen on the Rhein (Rhine). he is also dead.

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1 Otto Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(3) son of brother Gottlieb
2 LOUISE STEIMLE 6;3-1(1) sister
3 Emmy Agnes Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4) daughter of brother Gottlieb
4 Lucille Faith Harris 3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3) grandniece

STEIMLE 6
4-2(6),3(9)

Paul Adolph Daniel Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(9)

According to records from Evangelische Gesamtkirchengemeinde, Degerloch, Stuttgart, West Germany, Daniel died in prison at Heilbronn, West Germany, on 6 June 1882.

STEIMLE 6
4-2(6),3(11)

Gustave Eugen Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(11)

According to the records of Evangelische Gesamtkirchengemeinde, Degerloch, Stuttgart, West Germany, the first child of CHRISTIAN and his second wife, Maria Rosine Reutter, was born on 9 October 1879, was baptized on 31 October 1879 and died on 29 November 1879. 1 2

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1 CHRISTIAN ALBRECHT STEIMLE 6;4-2(6) father
2 Maria Rosine Reutter (2) W6;4-2(6) mother

Gustave Eugene Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(12)

The records of Evangelische Gesamtkirchengemeinde, Degerloch, Stuttgart, West Germany, gives the birthdate of Gustave as 27 September 1880 and show he was baptized on 2 October 1880.

The first news we have of Gustave is from his letter dated 19 October 1903 from Lansing, Michigan on the A.C. Roller letterhead. to his half-sister, LOUISE, in Haledon, NJ: 1

"Dear Sister

I am writing to let you know Maria arrived safely. Thank you so much for taking such good care of her. She has grown to be a very big girl. I would not have recognized her, she was still very small when I left Germany. She likes it here and I will send the money that you loaned Maria - that's $16.00. I thank you very much and so does Maria. I have not heard anything from Frida in a long time. I would like very much to see her again. I have not heard from our brothers since I have been here. I will close for now. I hope you are all healthy as I am. Best regards to your family " 2 3

A. C. Roller,

High Grade Meats a Specialty,

All Kinds of Home Made Sausage,

Pure Kettle
Rendered Lard,

New Phone 76. Old Phone 192.

322 Washington Avenue South.

Lansing, Mich., 10/19 1903

Liebe Schwester!
Ich will dir schreiben, daß Dir Maria

On 15 March 1904, Gustave writes again to LOUISE STEIMLE: 1

"I take pen in hand to write to you again. How are you? I just wrote to Frieda. My boss'es wife will visit her in Germany. Sunday I will buy a small gift to send to her. Maria has a job here. 3 2

She has it very nice here but she doesn't want to stay here. I do everything I can for her but she is not satisfied. Thank you very much for the Christmas present. I should have written to you sooner but I didn't have the time. You wrote your son is planning to come through Lansing. Be so good to let me know when he is coming so I can pick him up. I will take off from work. In a short time I will send you a picture."

We are not certain of the identity of Maria but it appears to be 2
Gustave's daughter.

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1 LOUISE STEIMLE 6;3-1(1) half-sister
2 Maria
3 Freida Karoline Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(13) sister

Gustav Steimle

STEIMLE 6
4-2(6),3(13)

Freida Karoline Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(13)

The records from Evangelische Gesamtkirchengemeinde, Degerloch, Stuttgart, West Germany, give the birthdate of Freida as 10 October 1881 and her baptism as 23 October 1881.

STEIMLE 6
4-2(6),3(14)

Otto Julius Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(14)

According to the records of Evangelische Gesamtkirchengemeinde, Degerloch, Otto was born 17 November 1883, baptized 16 December 1883 and died 7 March 1884.

6;6-4( ) 87 TOBIAS STEIMLE b.28 Mar 1764 Wildberg, Calw W.Ger. age 20 d.25 Jan 1827 Wildberg, Calw age 62 W.Ger.	45;6-1( ) 88 CHRISTINE SCHNEIDER b.29 Sep 1761 Bulach m. 7 Sep 1784 Bulach age 22 d.18 Oct 1833 Wildberg, Calw age 72 W.Ger.
5(1) Tobias Steimle b. 4 Apr 1785 Wildberg, Calw, W.Ger. age 41 d. age	Christina Katharina Rentschler (2) b.30 Mar 1803 Alzenberg, Württemberg, W.Ger. m.30 Aug 1826 Alzenberg, Württem- age 23 berg, W.Ger. d. Sep 1873 Lutheran Cem. age 70 Queens, NY
4(2) Friedrich Wilhelm Tobias Steimle b.21 May 1827 Alzenberg, Wurttemberg, W.Ger. age d.22 Feb 1880 Lutheran Cem. age 52 Queens, NY	Anna Neth b.28 Jan 1825 m. age d. 9 Jul 1895 Lutheran Cem. age 70 Queens, NY
3(8) Augustus Steimle b.23 Jul 1870 Brooklyn, NY age 28 d.30 Sep 1937 age 67	Emily Augusta Brunings b. m.14 Jun 1899 age d. age
2( ) Edmund A. Steimle b. age d. age	b. m. age d. age
2( ) Douglas Steimle b. age d. age	b. m. age d. age

2( ) Mildred Steimle b. 1900 d.21 Sep 1964 age 64	X

Edmund A. Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2),3(8),2( )

The following article was published in the New York Times, dated 9 April 1934:

"The Rev. Edmund A. Steimle of Mount Airy Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, in his sermon yesterday at the Lutheran Church of the Advent, Broadway at Ninety-third Street, said, an imaginative love of one's fellow man should form the real basis for charity. The Rev. Mr. Steimle is the son of the Rev. Dr. Augustus Steimle, pastor of the Church of the Advent. 1

"Charities, philanthropies and social movements which do not arise out of the imaginative love in a fellow-man as a man are whited sepulchres" he declared. "It takes sympathy and love and not mere institutions to take care of what we are pleased to call our less fortunate brothers. It takes imagination to see that the beggar on the corner feels and suffers and enjoys even as you and I feel and suffer and enjoy. Jesus could do it because he knew their sorrows and their joys and because he was blessed with an imagination born of a loving interest in mankind"

People often ask, Mr. Steimle said, why the church as an organization does not do more for the homeless and the poor. People want the church to wipe out graft in political circles or to attempt a solution for the Nazi-Jew affair, he added.

"The reason is" he continued, "that many of these people are totally lacking in the life-giving gift, imagination. The Christian church can move effectively toward social problems only as she is effective individually, and we as Lutherans should especially hold this close to our hearts, for it is something for which we have always stood and for which we have often been misunderstood."

A brief reference to Edmund appears in the obituary of his father 1
published in the New York Times, dated 1 October 1937:

"---- Two years ago he presided at the installation of his son, the Rev. Edmund A. Steimle, as pastor of the Lutheran Church of our Saviour in Jersey City. He recalled, during the induction

address, that his son was the third of three generations of ministers, the first being his paternal grandfather." 2

Edmund was also mentioned in his sister, Mildred's obituary printed in the New York Times, dated 22 September 1964: 3

"Also surviving are two brothers, Dr. Edmund Steimle, a professor at Union Theological Seminary, and Douglas Steimle, a lawyer, both of New York." 4

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1 Augustus Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2),3(8) father
2 Friedrich Wilhelm Tobias Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2) grandfather
3 Mildred Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2),3(8),2( ) sister
4 Douglas Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2),3(8),2( ) brother

STEIMLE
6-4( ),5(1),4(2),3(8),2( )

Mildred Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2),3(8),2( )

The following obituary of Mildred was published in the New York Times, dated 22 September 1964:

"Miss Mildred Steimle, antiques dealer, interior decorator and authority on early American glass of New Jersey, died on Monday after a long illness. She lived at the Wellington Hotel with her mother, Mrs. Emily B. Steimle. Her age was 64. 1

Miss Steimle attended Salem College, Winston Salem, N.C., and Barnard College. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Augustus Steimle, pastor of the Church of the Advent at Broadway and 93d Street. She formerly operated antique shops at 135 East 53d Street and Cape May, N.J. 2

Also surviving are two brothers, Dr. Edmund Steimle, a professor at Union Theological Seminary, and Douglas Steimle, a lawyer, both of New York." 3 4

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1 Emily Augusta Brunings W6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2),3(8) mother
2 Augustus Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2),3(8) father
3 Edmund A. Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2),3(8),2( ) brother
4 Douglas Steimle 6;6-4( ),5(1),4(2),3(8),2( ) brother

6;4-2(6) 21 CHRISTIAN ALBRECHT STEIMLE b. 9 Sep 1823 Wildberg, Württemberg, W.Ger. age 29 d. 5 Jan 1895 Stuttgart, W.Ger. age 71	12;4-1( ) 22 MARGARETHE SÖLL b. 5 Dec 1821 Möhringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger. m. 3 Jul 1853 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. age 31 d. 1 Jan 1873 Basel, Switzerland age 56
3(3) Charlotte Steimle (2) b.20 Jul 1854 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. m. age d. 1917 Laurel Grove Cem. age 63 Paterson, NJ	Conrad Meier b. 1828 Switz. age d. 5 Sep 1909 Laurel Grove Cem. age 80 Paterson, NJ
2(1) Herman Meier b.24 Jun 1889 Manchester Township, NJ d. 1954 Laurel Grove Cem. age 65 Paterson, NJ	X
2(2) William Robert Meier b.17 Dec 1893 Paterson, NJ age 25 d. 1 May 1941 Laurel Grove Cem. age 47 Paterson, NJ	Susie Katherine Fletcher b.11 Feb 1902 North Haledon, NJ m.30 Sep 1919 1st Baptist Church age 17 Paterson, NJ d.11 Feb 1956 Laurel Grove Cem. age 53 Paterson, NJ

Herman Meier 6;4-2(6),3(3),2(1)

According to his obituary, Herman was a retired silk weaver and was referred to as a life-long resident of Paterson, NJ. The services were held at Trinity Episcopal Church.

6;4-2(6),3(3),2(1)
Herman Meier
b.24 Jun 1889 Manchester
Township, NJ

d. 1954 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 65 Paterson, NJ

6;4-2(6),3(3),2(2)
William Robert Meier
b.17 Dec 1893 Paterson, NJ

m.30 Sep 1919 1st Baptist Church,
age 25 Paterson, NJ
d. 1 May 1941 Laurel Grove Cem.
age 47 Paterson, NJ

William Robert Meier 6;4-2(6),3(3),2(2) Susie Katherine Fletcher

William was born in Paterson, NJ, on 17 December 1893. He served in the Army of the United States as a private from 22 July 1918 to 24 January 1919. On 30 September 1919, he married Susie Katherine Fletcher at the First Baptist Church in Paterson, NJ. At the time of his death, he was employed as an electrician at Wright Aeronautical Corporation, East Paterson, NJ.

Susie died at her home in Lodi, NJ, about three months after moving there from Paterson, on 11 February 1956.

United States of America

Certification of Military Service

This certifies that	William R. Meyers 3670783
was a member of the	Army of the United States
from	July 22, 1918
to	January 24, 1919
Service was terminated by	Honorable Discharge
Last Grade, Rank, or Rating	Private
Active Service Dates	Same as above

Overseas duty from November 30, 1918 to January 5, 1919.

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2(1) Robert Steimle b. Stuttgart, W.Ger. d. Nördlingen, age Bavaria, W.Ger.	X
2(2) Freida Steimle b. Nördlingen, Bavaria, W.Ger. m. 1911 age d. Feb 1912 München, Bavaria, age W. Ger.	Otto Dege b. München, Bavaria, W. Ger. age d. age
2(3) Wilhelm Steimle b. Nördlingen, Bavaria W.Ger. age d. age	b. m. age d. age
2(4) Lina Steimle b. Nördlingen,Bavaria, W,Ger. m. age d. age	b. age d. age

2(5) Otto Steimle b. d. age	X
2(6) Gustel Steimle b. age d. age	b. m. age d. age

STEIMLE 6
4-2(6),3(4),2(1)

Robert Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(4),2(1)

According to the letter from Emmy Agnes Steimle, writing from Oberndorf am Neckar, on 25 April 1976, to Lucille Harris at Paterson, NJ, Robert was born in Stuttgart, W. Germany, and died in Nördlingen, Bavaria, W. Germany.

Our only news of Robert comes from the letter from his cousin, Otto Steimle, writing from Suhl, Thüringen, now D.D.R., on 29 January 1914, to his aunt, LOUISE STEIMLE, at Haledon, NJ:

"---- in the fall when the grapes were ripe I went to Ludwigshafen & Mannheim - here I met my cousin Robert Steimle - the eldest son of your brother Wilhelm. Robert worked in Heidelberg."

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1 Emmy Agnes Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4) cousin
2 Lucille Faith Harris 3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3) 1st cousin once removed
3 Otto Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(3) cousin
4 LOUISE STEIMLE 6;3-1(1), paternal aunt
5 Wilhelm Gottlieb Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(4) father

Freida Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(4),2(2) Otto Dege

Otto Steimle provides us with news of Freida in his letter of 29 January 1914, written from Suhl, to LOUISE STEIMLE in Haledon, NJ: 1 2

"---- one day another Steimle met me - it was Freida - the eldest daughter of Uncle Wilhelm. We now went out together on Sunday, once we went to Augsburg. ---- 3

1911 Freida daughter of the late Uncle Wilhelm got married to a good cabinet maker - she visited us soon thereafter at Pfinster (a very religious holiday in Germany) with her husband. we went sight seeing in our beautiful Thüringer Wald - then she went to München with her husband. In February 1912, Freida died during chidbirth (her first chid). She died soon after her father." 3

In her letter of 25 April 1976 to Lucille Harris, Emmy Agnes Steimle informs us that Freida was born in Nördlingen, and that her husband's name is Otto Dege and is from München (Munich). 4 5

1.Otto Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(3) cousin
2 LOUISE STEIMLE 6;3-1(1) paternal aunt
3 Wilhelm Gottlieb Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(4) father
4 Lucille Faith Harris 3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3) 1st cousin once removed
5 Emmy Agnes Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4) cousin

STEIMLE 6
4-2(6),3(4),2(5)

Otto Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(4),2(5)

The only information about Otto we have is from the letter dated 25 April 1976 written by Emmy Agnes Steimle to Lucille Harris: 1,2

"Otto Steimle, d. im Krieg" (died in World War I)

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1 Emmy Agnes Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4) cousin
2 Lucille Faith Harris 3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3) 1st cousin once removed

Gustel Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(4),2(6)

In the letter dated 25 April 1976 and the attached list entitled "Steimle Family" from Emmy Agnes Steimle to Lucille Harris, Emmy gives us a brief reference to Gustel: 1,2

"Uncle Wilhelm lived at Nördlingen, Bavaria. ---- one grandson lives still at Nördlingen." 3

"Gustel Steimle, married ? d. bei der Geburt ihres 1. Kindes"

The lack of any reference to any other grandchildren of Wilhelm implies that Gustel's child was a boy and is the one living in Nördlingen. 3

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1 Emmy Agnes Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4) cousin
2 Lucille Faith Harris 3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3) 1st cousin once removed
3 Wilhelm Gottlieb Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(4) father

6;4-2(6),3(5)
Gottlieb Steimle
b.11 Nov 1857 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
age 26
d.17 Aug 1914 Suhl, Thüringen,
age 56 D.D.R.

Agnes Emilie Linhs
b.13 Jul 1859 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R.
m.24 Apr 1884 Stuttgart, W.Ger.
age 24
d.25 Oct 1938 Suhl, Thüringen,
age 79 D.D.R.

2(2)
Karl Steimle
b. 4 May 1884 Stuttgart, W.Ger

age 25
d. 1965 Suhl, Thüringen,
81 D.D.R.

2(1)
Hermann Steimle
b. 9 Oct 1882 Stuttgart, W.Ger.

age 25
d.17 Apr 1920 Suhl, Thüringen,
age 37 D.D.R.

2(4)
Emmy Agnes Steimle
b.30 Jul 1895 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R.
m. Suhl, Thüringen,
age D.D.R.
d.
age

2(3)
Otto Steimle
b.17 Sep 1887 Suhl, Thüringen,

age 25
d.24 Jun 1968 Suhl, Thüringen,
age 80 D.D.R.

6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4)
Emmy Agnes Steimle
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m. " Suhl, Thüringen,
age D.D.R.
d.
age

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2(2) Karl Steimle b. 4 May 1884 Stuttgart, W.Ger. age 25 d. 1965 Suhl, Thüringen, age 81 D.D.R.	Ida Götz b.23 May 1886 Suhlerneundorf m. 1909 age 23 d. 1971 age 85
2(3) Otto Steimle b.17 Sep 1887 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R. age 25 d.24 Jun 1968 Suhl, Thüringen, age 80 D.D.R.	Ida Kerner b.13 Jun 1892 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R. m. 1913 Suhl, Thüringen, age 21 D.D.R. d. Jul 1971 age 79
2(4) Emmy Agnes Steimle b.30 Jul 1895 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R. m. Suhl, Thüringem, age D.D.R. d. age	Walter Georg Albert Röll b.16 May 1893 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R. age d.12 Jun 1968 Oberndorf am age 75 Neckar, W.Ger.

STEIMLE 6
4-2(6),3(5),2(1)

Hermann Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(1) Ida Diemb

Other than the vital statistics recorded in the letter of 25 April 1976 from Emmy Agnes Steimle to Lucille Harris, the only news we have of Hermann comes from a brief reference in the letter dated 29 January 1914 from Otto Steimle to their aunt, LOUISE STEIMLE, in Haledon, NJ, and one from Emmy in the letter mentioned above: 1,2 3,4

> "As I came home in 1910, I worked for my father in the business - as my eldest brother also did, born in 1882 in Stuttgart - He really knows his business." 5

> "My parents had at Suhl a very good shop. After the death of my father in 1914, this shop went over to my brothers Hermann and Otto. Hermann died a very young man in 1920 (38 years old). Now the shop is incorporated in a consumers community like all shops in DDR." 4

1	Emmy Agnes Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4)	sister
2	Lucille Faith Harris	3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3)	1st cousin once removed
3	Otto Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5).2(3)	brother
4	LOUISE STEIMLE	6;3-1(1)	paternal aunt
5	Gottlieb Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5)	father

STEIMLE 6
4-2(6),3(5),2(2)

Karl Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(2) Ida Götz

In her letter of 25 April 1976 to Lucille Harris in Paterson, NJ, Emmy Agnes Steimle gives us a brief bit of news of her brother, Karl: 1 2

> "my three brothers and their wives are all dead. I had a brother Karl and he had one son." 3,4

The vital statistics pertinent to Karl were on the list which Emmy sent with the letter mentioned above. Otto did not refer to his brother, Karl, in either his letter of 29 January 1914 or of 11 November 1923, both addressed to his aunt, LOUISE STEIMLE: 4 5

1	Lucille Faith Harris	3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3)	1st cousin once removed
2	Emmy Agnes Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4)	sister
3	Hermann Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(1)	brother
4	Otto Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(3)	brother
5	LOUISE STEIMLE	6;3-1(1)	paternal aunt

Otto Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5).2(3) Ida Kerner

On 29 January 1914, from Suhl, Thüringen, now D.D.R., Otto wrote to his paternal aunt, LOUISE STEIMLE, in Haledon, NJ: 1

"You will forgive me for calling you dear Aunt after I introduce myself. My name is Otto Steimle, born 1887, and am the third son of your brother, Gottlieb. It is said the people who migrated to America still have threads reaching back to Germany, so I will tell you of our family - so dear Aunt I will tell you everything that I know about your brothers and at the end of the letter, all about my family. I got to know my uncles while I was wandering through Germany. I will tell you what I know. My Godfather was Uncle Karl. ---- His only son Willie learned his trade from us - to be a saddle maker and upholsterer. 2 3,4

After 1910 when I finished the learning of my trade, I was driven to wander like all the Steimles. I first worked at the Seidenstadt Krefeld am Niedersheim but not long. In the fall when the grapes were ripe, I went to Ludwigshafen & Mannheim. Here I met Uncle Hermann. ---- Here I met my cousin, Robert Steimle, the eldest son of your brother, Wilhelm. ---- Some weeks later, I wandered in a snowstorm to Ludwigshafen. I wanted to go to France via Metz. I got work in Kaiserläuter unter Rheinfalz. In February 1906, I wandered to Heidelberg, Karlsruhe Pforzheim Leonberg, In the evening at 6 o'clock, I wandered by "Solitude" and finally at 8:30 you could see in the distance all the lights of Stuttgart, an unforgettable sight. In the following weeks we slowly toured Stuttgart (Schwabenstadt) nickname for Stuttgart. Everything has changed except the Stiftskirche and the Schloss. I went from Sihtwegert via Ulm to Augsburg, München ---- One day another Steimle met me. It was Freida, the eldest daughter of Uncle Wilhelm. We now went out together on Sunday. Once we went to Augsburg.---- 5,6 7 8 7

As I came home in 1910, I worked for my father in the business as my eldest brother also did. 2 9

In 1911, Freida, daughter of the late Uncle Wilhelm, got married to a good cabinet maker. She visited us soon thereafter at Pfinster (a very religious holiday in Germany) with her husband. We went sight-seeing in our beautiful Thüringer Wald ---- So now I told you all the news, some not good. As I re-read what I wrote, it seems there is not much good news in this letter. ---. 8,7 10

I would like to invite you as our guest to visit all of us. A bigger happiness you could not give my father. As for myself, I got married in 1913 and live in my father's house. I got my master's degree in upholstery and interior decorating. Now dear Aunt, best wishes to you and your loved ones. Write to us soon how everyone is. We are all waiting to hear from you, especially my father. 2 2

Your nephew
Otto Steimle"

Otto wrote again from Suhl, on 11 November 1923, to his aunt, LOUISE. This time he used the business letterhead reproduced on the next page and gives us an interesting look at the terrible inflation of the time: 1

Suhl i/Thüringen den 29. Januar 1914!

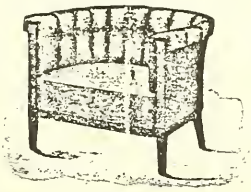
Liebe Tante Luise!

Wenn ich Dich so ohne weiteres mit: Du und liebe Tante! anrede, so wirst Du mir gewiss entschuldigen, wenn ich mich vorgestellt habe. Also, mein Name ist: Otto Steimle. geboren im Jahre 1887 und der dritte Sohn Deines Bruders Gottlieb. Da ich nun weiß, und unsere bedeutendsten Schriftsteller beschäftigen sich gegenwärtig besonders damit, daß Deutsche die in Amerika leben durch unzählige unsichtbare Fäden mit der alten Heimat verbunden sind, so will ich dem Schicksal ein wenig unter die Arme greifen und diese Fäden zu einem derben Bindfaden zusammendrehen. --

Also: liebe Tante, ich werde Dir zunächst alles was ich weiß von meinen Onkels, also Deinen Brüdern erzählen und zum Schluß auf die eigene Familie zurückgreifen. Da ich nun meine Onkels auf der Wanderschaft kennen lernte, so werde letztere in groben Umrissen mit einflechten.

Otto Steimle

Tapezierermeister
SUHL i. Thür.
Judithstraße 18.



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Ledermöbel in bester Qualität.

Überraschend
weiche Polsterungen in form-
vollendeter Ausführung.

SUHL, den 11. November 1923.

Liebe Tante Louise mit allen Angehörigen

The letterhead reads:

Specialist:
In First Quality Leather Furniture

Surprisingly soft upholstering in
fine form.

"Dear Aunt LOUISE with Family, 1

Today is our father's birthday. He has been dead for 9 years. 2
On days like this you look back on past days, and mother got
out your old letters and she asked me to write to you. Mother 11
wishes you would write to her. You have no idea under what
conditions we are living. Since the end of the war, politics
has taken over. There are putsches and riots in Hamburg and
Munich... The Communists and the Nationalists. The Württember-
gers Military was called to Saxonia to keep order. The country's
credit is very low. Our money has no value. We live with millions,
billions and trillions and the millionaire starves to death in
the street. There is a joke going around. They asked an old lady
how old she is. Her answer is 80,000 years old. One loaf of
bread cost 125,000,000,000 M. I paid a bill of 112,000,000,000
M. equalling 750 DM or $185.00. I am enclosing a 1 million
mark bill. Enough of that, we hope things will improve.----

I never met you in person, but father often talked about you. 2
---- The other relatives I have met. Uncle Karl was my Godfather. 3
His son, Willie, was in apprenticeship by us. ---- I met Uncle
Hermann in Ludwigshafen. Uncle Wilhelm was in the hospital in 5,7
Augsburg and I visited him there. ---- We hope you are all well
and healthy. So far we are well. We would be very pleased if we
would hear from you. We wish one of you would come to visit us.

We have enough to eat and room to put somebody up for a few weeks. Maybe it would be possible that one of your sons could start some business connection here. Everyone here works very hard and we manufacture first quality products. Dear Aunt, it would be a pleasure if we could hear from you, maybe in time for Christmas.

Thousand regards to you and all your loved ones from all of us here."

LOUISE **STEIMLE** had died about three and a half years before Otto wrote to her.

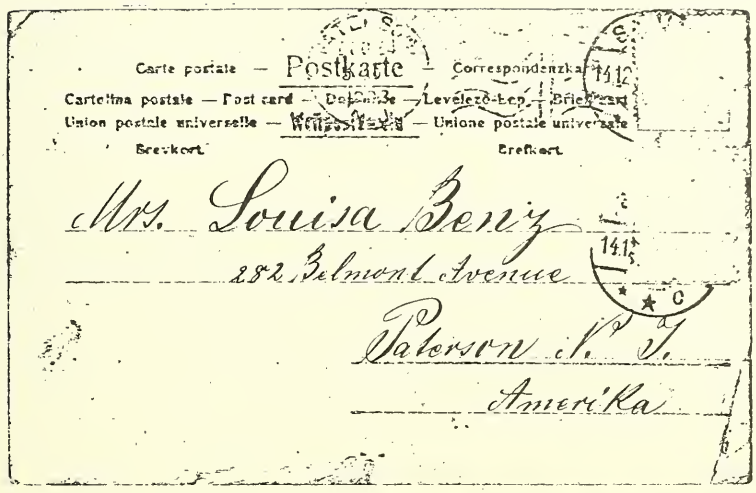
Emmy Agnes Steimle mentioned Otto briefly in her letter of 25 April 1976, to Lucille Harris: 12 13

"After the death of my father in 1914 this shop went over to my brothers Hermann and Otto. ---- 2 5

Now the shop is incorporated in a consumers community like all this shope in the DDR."

1	LOUISE STEIMLE	6;3-1(1)	paternal aunt
2	Gottlieb Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5)	father
3	Karl Friedrich Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(7)	paternal uncle
4	Willi Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(7),2(1)	cousin
5	Gustave Hermann Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(8),	paternal uncle
6	Robert Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(4),2(1)	cousin
7	Wilhelm Gottlieb Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(4)	paternal uncle
8	Freida Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(4),2(2)	cousin
9	Hermann Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(1)	brother
10	Otto Dege	H6;4-2(6),3(4),2(2)	cousin Freida's husband
11	Agnes Emilie Linhs	W6;4-2(6),3(5)	mother
12	Emmy Agnes Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4)	sister
13	Lucille Faith Harris	3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3)	lst cousin once removed

Emmy Agnes Steimle
Otto Steimle



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Emmy Agnes Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4) Walter Georg Albert Röll

Much of our information about the Steimle family came from Emmy, writing from 7238 Oberndorf am Neckar, Mauserstrasse 1, West Germany, in her letter dated 25 April 1976, to Lucille Harris at Paterson, NJ: 1

"you are very lucki that I can still give the dates of the family. I am nearly 81 years old. ---- There are round abaut 23 years, that Clare Stottardt, born Benz, visited us at Oberndorf. 2 she came from Dallas, Texas. She is a daughter of Hermann Benz, 3 who is the son of the sister of my father (LOUISE BENZ).----

I live in Württemberg in Westgermany, since 45 years. My husband has died eight years ago. We have two children ---- 4,5

I hope that I have given you a lot of news behalf the family and would like to hear further news from you.

your sincerely
Emmy Röll - Steimle"

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1 Lucille Faith Harris 3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3) 1st cousin once removed
2 Claire Marie Benz 3;3-2(1),2(5),1(1) 1st cousin once removed
3 Herman Benz 3;3-2(1),2(5) cousin
4 Joachim Röll 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4),1(1) son
5 Margaret Agnes Marie Röll 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4),1(2) daughter

your sincerely
Emmy Röll - Steimle

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3(7) Karl Friedrich Steimle b.16 Mar 1861 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. age d. 1903 Gera, Thüringen, age 42 D.D.R.	Ernestine b. m. Gera, Thüringen, age D.D.R. d. age
2(1) Willi Steimle b. 1891 Gera, Thüringen, D.D.R. d. age	X

STEIMLE 6
4-2(6),3(7),2(1)

Willi Steimle 6;4-2(6).3(7),2(1)

Otte Steimle provides us with news of Willi in his letter from Suhl, Thüringen, now D.D.R., dated 29 January 1914, to their aunt, LOUISE STEIMLE, in Haledon, NJ: 1 2

"My Godfather was Uncle Karl ---- his only son, Willi, learned his trade from us - to be a saddle maker and upholsterer." 3

and again in his letter of 11 November 1923:

"Uncle Karl was my Godfather. His son, Willi, was in apprenticeship by us. He is making garden tents in Gera now." 3

In addition to vital statistics, Emmy Agnes Steimle provides us with another version of the same news in her letter of 25 April 1976, to Lucille Harris in Paterson, NJ: 4 5

"The son of Karl was after the death of his father for three years at Suhl and was a decorator in the shop of my father." 3 6

1 Otto Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(5),2(3)	cousin
2 LOUISE STEIMLE	6;3-1(1)	paternal aunt
3 Karl Friedrich Steimle	6;4-2(6),3(7)	father
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3(3) Charlotte Steimle (2) b.20 Jul 1854 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. m. age d. 1917 Laurel Grove Cem. age 63 Paterson, NJ	Conrad Meier b. 1828 Switz. age d. 5 Sep 1909 Laurel Grove Cem. age 80 Paterson, NJ
2(2) William Robert Meier b.17 Dec 1893 Paterson, NJ age 25 d. 1 May 1941 Laurel Grove Cem. age 47 Paterson, NJ	Susie Katherine Fletcher b.11 Feb 1902 North Haledon, NJ m.30 Sep 1919 1st Baptist Church age 17 Paterson, NJ d.11 Feb 1956 Laurel Grove Cem. age 53 Paterson, NJ
1(1) William Meier b.17 Nov 1920 Paterson, NJ age 24 d. age	Gisela Helen Lamwers b.31 Jan 1924 Ronsdorf, Ger. m.18 Aug 1945 Haledon, NJ age 21 d. age
1(2) Virginia Meier b. m. age d. Reading, MA age	Daniel Finn b. age d. age
1(3) Robert Meier b.23 Jun 1926 Paterson, NJ age 27 d. age	Roberta Louise Dioro b.28 May 1930 Paterson, NJ m.25 Oct 1953 St. Elizabeth's age 23 R.C. Ch.,Wyckoff,NJ d. age

1(4) Norman Meier b. age d. age	Jeanette b. m. age d. age
1(5) Eleanor Meier b. m. age d. age	Phillip Jost b. age d. age divorced
1(6) Edward Meier b.11 Jul 1937 Paterson, NJ age 19 d. age	Nellie Peters b. 1 Dec 1929 Paterson, NJ m. 5 Sep 1956 Bethel Christ Ref. age 26 Ch. Paterson, NJ d. age

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1(1) b. d. age	

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3(5) Gottlieb Steimle b.11 Nov 1857 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. age 26 d.17 Aug 1914 Suhl, Thüringen, age 56 D.D.R.	Agnes Emilie Linhs b.13 Jul 1859 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R. m.24 Apr 1884 Stuttgart, W.Ger. age 24 d.25 Oct 1938 Suhl, Thüringen, age 79 D.D.R.
2(1) Hermann Steimle b. 9 Oct 1882 Stuttgart, W.Ger. age 25 d.17 Apr 1920 Suhl, Thüringen, age 37 D.D.R.	Ida Diemb b. m. Jul 1908 age d. age
1(1) Dora Lucie Charlotte Steimle b. 7 May 1912 m. age m. age d. age	Sauerbrey (1) b. age d. age Teil (2) b. age d. age

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2(2) Karl Steimle b. 4 May 1884 Stuttgart, W.Ger. age 25 d. 1965 Suhl, Thüringen, age D.D.R.	Ida Götz b.23 May 1886 Suhlerneundorf m. 1909 age d. 1971 age
1(1) Otto Steimle b.18 Sep 1912 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R. age d. age	b. m. age d. age

STEIMLE 6
4-2(6),3(5),2(2),1(1)

Otto Steimle 6:4-2(6),3(5),2(2),1(1)

The only information we have about Otto is in the letter from Emmy Agnes Steimle, dated 25 April 1976, to Lucille Harris:

"My three brothers and their wives are all dead. I had a brother Karl and he had one son. He is 64 years old and lives at Suhl, Thuringia. He has his home in the family home at Suhl, now situated in the D.D.R."

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1 Emmy Agnes Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4) paternal aunt
2 Lucille Faith Harris 3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3) 2nd cousin
3 Karl Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(2) father

6;4-2(6)· 21
CHRISTIAN ALBRECHT STEIMLE
b. 9 Sep 1823 Wildberg, Württemberg, W.Ger.
age 29
d. 5 Jan 1895 Stuttgart, W.Ger.
age 71

12;4-1( ) 22
MARGARETHE SÖLL (1)
b. 5 Dec 1821 Möhringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
m. 3 Jul 1853 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
age 31
d. 1 Jan 1878 Basel, Switzerland
age 56

3(5)
Gottlieb Steimle
b.11 Nov 1857 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger.
age 26
d.17 Aug 1914 Suhl, Thüringen,
age 56 D.D.R.

Agnes Emilie Linhs
b.13 Jul 1859 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R.
m.24 Apr 1884 Stuttgart, W.Ger.
age 24
d.25 Oct 1938 Suhl, Thüringen,
age 79 D.D.R.

2(4)
Emmy Agnes Steimle
b.30 Jul 1895 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R.
m. Suhl, Thüringen,
age D.D.R.
d.
age

Walter Georg Albert Röll
b.16 May 1893 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R.
age
d.12 Jun 1968 Oberndorf am
age 75 Neckar, W.Ger.

1(1)
Joachim Rolf Albert Röll
b. 4 Nov 1920 Suhl, Thuringen, D.D.R.
age 34
d.
age

Ilse Bramkamp
b.10 Nov 1922 Essen, Ruhrgebeit, W.Ger.
m.10 Apr 1955 Oberndorf am
age 32 Neckar, W.Ger.
d.
age

1(2)
Margaret Agnes Marie Röll
b.11 May 1926 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R.
m.21 Jun 1958 Oberndorf am
age 32 Neckar, W.Ger.
d.
age

Edwin Fischer
b. 1 Mar 1928 Girsish,Sudetenland
age 30
d.
age

2(4)
Emmy Agnes Steimle
b.30 Jul 1895 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R.

m. Suhl, Thüringen,
age D.D.R.

d.
age

1(1)
Joachim Rolf Albert Röll
b. 4 Nov 1920 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R.

age 34

d.
age

Ilse Bramkamp
b.10 Nov 1922 Essen, Ruhrgebeit, W.Ger.

m.10 Apr 1955 Oberndorf am
age 32 Neckar, W.Ger.

d.
age

Joachim Rolf Albert Röll 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4),1(1) Ilse Bramkamp

A bit of news of Joachim was obtained from a letter from Lucille Harris, dated 29 March 1978, to MARGARET and BILL MAYNARD: 1 2,3

"When I went to Europe in the middle fifties, Claire gave me an address of a Steimle relative she had visited when she was in Germany once. At that time I had dinner with Joachim Röll, the son of Emmy Steimle Röll." 4 5

Emmy provides another bit of news in her letter of 25 April 1976, to Lucille: 5 1

"I live in Württemberg in West Germany since 45 years. My husband died eight years ago. We have two children, a son now professor of law at Heilbronn, Württemberg.---- 6 7

My children speak English very well."

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1 Lucille Faith Harris 3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3) 2nd cousin
2 MARGARET LYDIA MAURER 2;1-1(4) wife of 2nd cousin Wm.Maynard
3 WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD 1;1-1(1) 2nd cousin
4 Claire Marie Benz 3;3-2(1),2(5),1(1) 2nd cousin
5 Emmy Agnes Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4) mother
6 Walter Georg Albert Röll H6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4) father
7 Margaret Agnes Marie Röll 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4),1(2) sister

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4-2(6),3(5),2(4),1(2)

Margaret Agnes Marie Röll 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4),1(2) Edwin Fischer

The only news we have of Margaret comes from her mother's letter dated 25 April 1976, to Lucille Harris: 1 2

"I live in Württemberg in West Germany since 45 years. My husband died eight years ago. We have two children, a son now professor of law at Heilbronn, Württemberg. My daughter is a teacher and has two boys. ---- 3 4 5,6

My children speak English very well and also the children of Margaret."

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1 Emmy Agnes Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4) mother
2 Lucille Faith Harris " 3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3) 2nd cousin
3 Walter Georg Albert Röll H6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4) father
4 Joachim Rolf Albert Röll 6;4-2(6),4(5),2(4),1(1) brother
5 Bernard Fischer 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4),1(2),0(1) son
6 Georg Fischer 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4),1(2),0(2) son

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3(3) Charlotte Steimle (2) b.20 Jul 1854 Degerloch, Stuttgart, W.Ger. m. age d. 1917 Laurel Grove Cem. age 63 Paterson, NJ	Conrad Meier b. 1828 Switz. age d. 5 Sep 1909 Laurel Grove Cem. age 80 Paterson, NJ
2(2) William Robert Meier b.17 Dec 1893 Paterson, NJ age 25 d. 1 May 1941 Laurel Grove Cem. age 47 Paterson, NJ	Susie Katherine Fletcher b.11 Feb 1902 North Haledon, NJ m.30 Sep 1919 1st Baptist Church age 17 Paterson, NJ d.11 Feb 1956 Laurel Grove Cem. age 53 Paterson, NJ
1(2) Virginia Meier b. m. age d. Reading, MA age	Daniel Finn b. age d. age
0(1) Kathlene Finn b. m. age d. age	b. age d. age

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1(3) Robert Meier b.23 Jun 1926 Paterson, NJ age 27 d. age	Roberta Louise Dioro b.28 May 1930 Paterson, NJ m.25 Oct 1953 St. Elizabeth's age 23 R.C. Ch.,Wyckoff,NJ d. age
0(1) Candace Lee Meier b.22 Feb 1955 Paterson, NJ m.26 Oct 1974 St. Lukes Church age 19 Hohokus, NJ d. age	Kevin J. McCarthy b. age d. age
0(2) Robert Meier b.10 Mar 1958 Paterson, NJ age d. age	b. m. age d. age

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1(4) Norman Meier b. age d. age	Jeanette b. m. age d. age
0(1) Jeanette Meier b. m. age d. age	b. age d. age
0(2) Susanne Meier b. m. age d. age	Dziens b. age d. age divorced

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1(5) Eleanor Meier b. m. age d. age	Phillip Jost b. age d. age divorced
0(1) Linda Jost b. m. age d. age	Carl Troub b. age d. age
0(2) Lois Jost b. m. age d. age	b. age d. age

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1(6) Edward Meier b.11 Jul 1937 Paterson, NJ age 19 d. age	Nellie Peters b. 1 Dec 1929 Paterson, NJ m. 5 Sep 1956 Bethel Christ Ref. age 26 Paterson, NJ d. age
0(1) William Meier b.18 May 1957 Tuscon, AZ age d. age	b. m. age d. age
0(2) Susan Meier b.21 Oct 1958 Tuscon, AZ m. age d. age	b. age d. age

O(3) Sandra Meier b. 21 Oct 1958 Tuscon, AZ m. 15 Aug 1981 Bethel Christ. Ref. age 22 Prospect Park, NJ d. age	James Jan Kademian b. 1 Feb 1950 Teaneck, NJ age d. age

6;4-2(6) 21 CHRISTIAN ALBRECHT STEIMLE„ b. 9 Sep 1823 Wildberg, Württemberg, W.Ger. age 29 d. 5 Jan 1895 Stuttgart, W.Ger. age 71	12;4-1( ) „ 22 MARGARETHE SÖLL (1) b. 5 Dec 1821 Möhringen, Stuttgart, W.Ger. m. 3 Jul 1853 Degerloch, Stuttage 31 gart, W.Ger. d. 1 Jan 1878 Basel, Switzerland age 56
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2(4) Emmy Agnes Steimle b.30 Jul 1895 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R. m. Suhl, Thüringen, age d. age	Walter Georg Albert Röll b.16 May 1893 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R. age d.12 Jun 1968 Oberndorf am age 75 Neckar, W.Ger.
1(2) Margaret Agnes Marie Röll b.11 May 1926 Suhl, Thüringen, D.D.R. m.21 Jun 1958 Oberndorf am age 32 Neckar, W.Ger. d. age	Edwin Fischer b. 1 Mar 1928 Girsish,Sudetenland age 30 d. age
0(1) Bernhard Fischer b. 4 Oct 1959 Oberndorf am Neckar, W.Ger. d. age	
0(2) Georg Fischer b. 1 Mar 1964 Oberndorf am Neckar, W.Ger. d. age	

STEIMLE 6
4-2(6),3(5),2(4),1(2),0(1)

Bernhard Fischer 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4),1(2),0(1)

Emmy Agnes Steimle referred to Bernd in her letter of 25 April 1976, to Lucille Harris: 1 2

"My daughter is a teacher and has two boys. They are members of a Gymnasium (high school). ---- 3,4

My children speak English very well and also the children of Margaret. Bernd is practising English for 7 years ---- Bernd translates the letters to you."

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1 Emmy Agnes Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4) maternal grandmother
2 Lucille Faith Harris 3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3) 2nd cousin once removed
3 Margaret Agnes Marie Röll 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4),1(2). mother
4 Georg Fischer 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4),1(2),0(2) brother

STEIMLE 6
4-2(6),3(5),2(4),1(2),0(2)

Georg Fischer 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4),1(2),0(2)

We find a brief reference to Georg in the letter from Emmy Agnes Steimle, dated 25 April 1976, to Lucille Harris: 1 2

"My daughter is a teacher and has two boys. They are members of a Gymnasium (high school). ---- 3

My children speak English very well and also the children of Margaret. Bernd is practising English for 7 years and Georg for 3 years." 4

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1 Emmy Agnes Steimle 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4) maternal grandmother
2 Lucille Faith Harris 3;3-2(1),2(9),1(3) 2nd cousin once removed
3 Margaret Agnes Marie Röll 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4),1(2) mother
4 Bernhard Fischer 6;4-2(6),3(5),2(4),1(2),0(1) brother

(Unknown) 7
5-3( ) Gen 4

7;5-3( ) 51 b. age d. age	27;5-1( ) 52 b. m. age d. age
7;4-2( ) 25 b. d. age	14;4-1(2) 26 ROSINA STORZ b.11 Apr 1816 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m. (unmarried) d.15 Dec 1877 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 61

(Unknown) 7
4-2( )

7;4-2( ) ROSINA STORZ 14;4-1(2)

According to records at the town hall of Flözlingen, the father of BARBARA, born to ROSINA on 20 June 1853, is unknown. ROSINA is referred to in these records as "Lady". The "unknown" status of the father is confirmed by genealogist, Alfons Haigis, in his letter to WILLIAM B. MAYNARD dated 29 August 1978: 2

"Der Vater der BARBARA konnte nicht ermittelt werden!" 1

1 BARBARA STORZ -	7;3-1( )	daughter
2 WILLIAM BENZ MAYNARD	1;1-1(1)	husband of great granddaughter

(Unknown) 7
4-2( ) Gen 3

7;4-2( ) 25 b. d. age	14;4-1(2) 26 ROSINA STORZ b.11 Apr 1816 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m.(unmarried) d.15 Dec 1877 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 61
7;3-1( ) 12 BARBARA STORZ - b.20 Jun 1853 Flözlingen, W.Ger. m.30 Jun 1872 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 19 d. 3 Feb 1936 Nisky Hill Cem. age 82 Bethlehem, PA	2;3-3(16) 11 ANDREAS MAURER b. 4 Jul 1847 Flözlingen, W.Ger. age 24 d. 2 Jul 1907 Nisky Hill Cem. age 60 Bethlehem, PA

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